

A PRIVATE WORD

To such of the unchanged as still earn their bread with the pen and by the Grace of God are yet at large uncaught:

This room is the place for you. Here intrudes no disturbing influence, here reign that serenity & peace & that security & non discovery which

your sort require for the
successful carrying out of
their designs. Here I spilt 48,000
words in 34 days. These constitut-
ing the bulk of a book (as yet un-
named and unpublished) about
Dug Hapgood & Louisiana
Purchase Harrison.

Mark Twain

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