

writing their contracts so plainly that there can be no room for construction. "The ability to write English is not conspicuous in insurance offices," said a learned jurist. The fact that in the present volume there are so many cases of construction of contract by the courts is striking proof of this statement. However, when the enormous aggregate of business is taken into consideration, the number of litigated cases cannot upon the whole be deemed excessive.

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THE INSURANCE AGENT: His Rights, Duties and Liabilities: by John A. Finch. The Rough Notes Company, Indianapolis, publishers.

This is a little work by the same author. It is intended to furnish insurance agents with such information on practical points as will assist them in acting with good judgment as well as promptitude. Mr. Finch treats the subject with the ability which might be anticipated from one who has made insurance law a specialty, and the work may safely be commended to the attention of the class for whom it was written.

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HIDDEN MINES, AND HOW TO FIND THEM, by W. T. Newman. The M. Rogers Publishing House, Toronto.

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