ÆTNA COMPANY WINS.—The Ætna Insurance Company won a signal victory yesterday before a jury in Vicksburg, Miss., in its suit pending for some time against the Alabama & Vicksburg Railroad Co. The litigation grew out of the alleged negligent destruction by fire of a large lot of cotton on Jan. 17, 1901. The Ætna paid a total loss, took up a subrogation from the D. Meyer Cotton Company, the insured, and employed McLaurin, Arminead & Brien, attorneys of this city, to bring suit. It took four days to try the case out. When it was finally submitted to the jury the plaintiff was awarded a judgment for the full sum demanded with interest to date, $2,493. The case is of general interest as there was about $40,000 worth of cotton destroyed, and many companies have similar suits pending. It looks as if all would finally recover their losses. It is also shown that there are at least some cases wherein an insurance company can get its just rights before a jury.—"New York Bulletin."

INSURANCE AGAINST NOISE.—At Sheffield, a by-law is in force, under which a cart owner is liable to a fine if the brake on his cart makes any "loud and continuous noise." The cart owners protest that they cannot obey the by-law without reducing the loads carried, and that this would involve a reduction of profits. To disprove their contention the Watch Committee recently carried out a number of experiments with brakes. The brakes used, however, though they greatly reduced the noise, were not silent. The carters say also that the loads were not heavy enough to severely test them. It is stated that insurance against the by-law is offered, the premium being 10 shillings a year. A new brake will cost 30 shillings.—"The Insurance Observer."

A by-law is needed in this city to restrain the noises made by some carts which are most distracting.

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