For the first time in several years a St. Louis agent is to be tried by the executive committee of the Local Agents' Association on the charge of rebating to the insured.

Several recent fires in wholesale hardware houses in sections of the South where blasting and mining are carried on extensively have developed the fact that many merchants make a practice of carrying more of the explosive than the law allows, in order to accommodate their customers. Such a situation, in the opinion of many underwriters, makes necessary particularly close and constant supervision on the part of company representatives.

"What gives you the impression, Mike, that you would make a successful life insurance agent?" asked Towsend, of Boston, to the head porter of the Equitable building in that city.

"Why, shoore," responded Mike, "because I nivver knows when to stop wurkin'."

It is likely that the next meeting of the New York legislature will be one of the most hostile towards insurance of all kinds that has ever been held. It is true that many of the mistakes made in formulating the Armstrong code will likely be remedied by the insistence of the Companies.