

## Medical Items.

**SMALL-POX OR CHICKEN-POX.**—The authorities of Long Island City, it is said, are likely to have a suit for damages to defend. It is alleged that they ordered the removal of a man who seemed to have small-pox to the hospital on North Brother Island, where it was discovered that he was only suffering from chicken-pox. He was kept in the hospital eleven days.

**THE MOST POPULAR MEDICINES.**—Last month we published a table compiled by an American writer showing the comparative proportion in which twelve of the leading medicines had been ordered in 1,000 prescriptions which had been taken at random. It was shown that quinine was ordered 238 times, opium 136, nux vomica 130, iron 123, while iodine, mercury, bismuth and bromine are altogether at 59 and 60 times. In June 1868, we published an article by Mr. W. Willmott on "Medicine," in which a somewhat similar investigation is recorded. Mr. Willmott had analysed 1,000 prescriptions, but he did not give the details in a form which admits of exact comparison. He, however, found that quinine was far ahead of any other single medicine ordered, but, classifying all remedies in their natural groups, he found mercury prominently at the top, then potash, bark, opium and iron. He found that out of the 768 simple and compound medicaments of the Pharmacopœia, only 485 occurred at all in these 1,000 prescriptions, while three-fourths of these were not prescribed 10 times in the 1,000. —*Chemist and Druggist.*

**DANIEL'S MEDICAL JOURNAL.**—If progress in medicine in the United States is to be estimated by the number of new medical journals springing up there almost daily, then indeed have our neighbors reason to be proud. The latest bantling is that bearing the above title, and it hails from Austin, Texas. Now Texas was one of the territories left out in the cold by the original committee, having no representation on the staff of the International Congress; and Texas couldn't stand this, and, asserting her rights at the New Orleans meeting of the Ameri-