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Mosquitoes are fond of anything blue. That is a scientific discovery that is furnishing an argument for changing the color of the United States Army shirt.—*Medical Times*.

A well-known Brooklyn physician of Spanish extraction has not yet mastered the intricacies of the pronunciation of the English language. Some time ago the doctor had occasion to send a specimen of urine for chemical examination to a druggist who attends to this work for the physician. A servant was dispatched with instructions that the druggist should "taste" it. The fluid was in an ordinary wine bottle, and the German druggist eagerly swallowed a good sized draught, and immediately declared it to be the worst wine he had ever had the misfortune to sample. When the doctor informed him that it was a specimen to "test" chemically, the druggist was enlightened but not satisfied.—*Medical Times*.

*Indignant Physician*—"Man, what have you done? You sent my patient the wrong prescription, and it killed him."

*Druggist*—"Vell, vat vas der matter mit you? Last week I send