

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

### THE SOURING OF MILK.

To the Editor of The Tribune.

Sir: Will you kindly inform me what are the ingredients of milk, and which one it is that sours?

A DAILY READER.

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[The constituents of cow's milk are practically uniform in character, though the proportions vary somewhat. Here is a fair average: Water, 87.17 per cent; fats of various kinds, 3.69; casein (the cheese or curd making material), 3.02; albumen, 0.53; sugar of milk, 4.88, and incombustible solids, 0.71. The souring of milk is due to a chemical operation by which a part of the sugar is changed into lactic acid, and this process is promoted by certain microorganisms that invade the fluid from the atmosphere and multiply rapidly. When milk is "pasteurized" by heating or is treated with antiseptics, such as boric acid, the microbes are killed and the transformation prevented.]

## OBITUARY.

### GENERAL MANUEL CASABIANCA.

The death of General Manuel Casabianca, a prominent political and military figure of the Republic of Colombia, is announced from Bogota. General Casabianca was born in Curaçao fifty-eight years ago, but lived in Colombia since his fourth year. He was a member of the Conservative party. He fought for his adopted country in several revolutions. General Casabianca served both as Minister of Foreign Affairs and Minister of War in the Cabinet of President Caro. He also filled the latter office under President Sanclemente. His last office was that of Minister to Venezuela. He remained only a short time at Caracas.

### MRS. JANE DAWSON.

Mrs. Jane Dawson, a widow, who for fifty years had lived at No. 198 Tenth-ave., died from old age at her home yesterday morning. She was seventy-seven years old. Mrs. Dawson was a sister of the Rev. Dr. Robert R. Meredith, pastor of the Tompkins Avenue Congregational Church, of Brooklyn. The funeral will take place on Monday morning at 10:30 o'clock at her late home.

### MARY RANKIN BRONSON.

Mary Rankin Bronson, widow of Dr. Miles Bronson,