



Fill in the gaps

Major-General's Song by Gilbert And Sullivan

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I am the very model of a (1)_____ Major-General
I've information vegetable, animal, and mineral
I know the kings of England
And I (2)_____ the fights historical
From Marathon to Waterloo, in (3)_____ categorical
I'm very (4)_____ acquainted, too, with matters
mathematical
I understand equations, both the simple and quadratical
About binomial theorem I'm (5)_____
(6)_____ a lot o' news
(Hmm, lot of news.... Got it!)

With many (7)_____ facts
About the square of the hypotenuse

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I'm (8)_____ good at integral and differential calculus
I know the scientific names of beings animalculous
In short, in matters vegetable, animal, and mineral
I am the very model of a modern Major-General

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I (9)_____ our mythic history
King Arthur's and Sir Caradoc's
I answer hard acrostics, I've a (10)_____
(11)_____ for paradox
I quote in elegiacs all the crimes of Heliogabalus
In conics I can floor (12)_____
parabolous
I can tell undoubted
Raphaels from Gerard Dows and Zoffanies
I know the croaking chorus
From The Frogs of Aristophanes
Then I can hum a fugue
Of which I've heard the music's din afore
(Ooh, din afore, din afore... Got it!)

And whistle all the airs
From that infernal nonsense Pinafore

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Then I can write a washing bill in Babylonian cuneiform
And (13)_____ you (14)_____ detail of
Caractacus's uniform
In short, in matters vegetable, animal, and mineral
I am the very model of a modern Major-General

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In fact
When I know what is meant by "mamelon" and "ravelin"
When I can tell at sight a Mauser (15)_____
(16)_____ a javelin



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And (18)_____ I'm more wary at
And when I (19)_____ precisely
What is meant by "commissariat"
When I have learnt
What progress has (20)_____ made in modern gunnery
When I know more of tactics than a (21)_____ in a
nunnery
In short, when I've a smattering of elemental strategy
(Oh, that's a hard one, strategy... Got it!)
You'll say a better Major-General has never sat a-gee
...
For my military knowledge
Though I'm plucky and adventury
Has only (22)_____ (23)_____ down
To the beginning of the century
But still, in matters vegetable, animal, and mineral
I am the very model of a modern Major-General
...
(One more time?!)
...
In fact
When I know what is meant by "mamelon" and "ravelin"
When I can tell at sight a Mauser rifle from a javelin
When such affairs as sorties
And surprises I'm more (24)_____ at
And when I know precisely
What is meant by "commissariat"
When I have learnt
What progress has been made in modern gunnery
When I know (25)_____ of tactics than a novice in a
nunnery
In short, when I've a smattering of elemental strategy
You'll say a better Major-General has never rode a horse!
...
For my military knowledge
Though I'm plucky and adventury
Has only been brought down
To the beginning of the century
But still, in matters vegetable, animal, and mineral
I am the very (26)_____ of a modern Major-General!
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Fill in the gaps

Answer

1. modern
2. quote
3. order
4. well
5. teeming
6. with
7. cheerful
8. very
9. know
10. pretty
11. taste
12. peculiarities
13. tell
14. every
15. rifle
16. from
17. such
18. surprises
19. know
20. been
21. novice
22. been
23. brought
24. wary
25. more
26. model