



Fill in the gaps

Major-General's Song by Gilbert And Sullivan

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

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I'm very 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 (5)_____ of a modern Major-General

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I know our mythic history
King Arthur's and Sir Caradoc's
I answer hard acrostics, I've a pretty taste for paradox
I (6)_____ in elegiacs all the (7)_____ of
Heliogabalus
In conics I can floor (8)_____
parabolous
I can tell undoubted
Raphaels from (9)_____ Dows and Zoffanies
I (10)_____ the (11)_____ 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 (12)_____ Pinafore

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Then I can write a washing bill in Babylonian cuneiform
And tell you (13)_____ (14)_____ 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 (15)_____ what is meant by "mamelon" and
"ravelin"
When I can tell at (16)_____ a Mauser rifle from a



javelin

When (17)_____ affairs as sorties

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And surprises I'm (18)_____ wary 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 more of (19)_____ than a novice 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 been brought down
To the beginning of the century
But still, in matters vegetable, animal, and mineral
I am the very (20)_____ of a modern Major-General
...
(One more time?!)
...
In fact
When I know what is (21)_____ by "mamelon" and
"ravelin"
When I can tell at sight a Mauser rifle (22)_____ a javelin
When such affairs as sorties
And surprises I'm (23)_____ wary 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 (24)_____ more of tactics (25)_____ a
novice in a nunnery
In short, (26)_____ 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 (27)_____ been brought 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!
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Answer

1. kings
2. fights
3. with
4. teeming
5. model
6. quote
7. crimes
8. peculiarities
9. Gerard
10. know
11. croaking
12. nonsense
13. every
14. detail
15. know
16. sight
17. such
18. more
19. tactics
20. model
21. meant
22. from
23. more
24. know
25. than
26. when
27. only