



Fill in the gaps

Major-General's Song by Gilbert And Sullivan

...

I am the (1)_____ model of a modern Major-General

I've information vegetable, animal, and mineral

I know the kings of England

And I quote the fights historical

From Marathon to Waterloo, in order categorical

I'm (2)_____ well acquainted, too, with matters
mathematical

I (3)_____ 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 (5)_____ facts

About the (6)_____ of the hypotenuse

...

I'm very good at integral and differential calculus

I know the (7)_____ names of beings
animalculous

In short, in matters vegetable, animal, and mineral

I am the very model of a modern Major-General

...

I know our mythic history

King Arthur's and Sir Caradoc's

I answer hard acrostics, I've a pretty taste for paradox

I quote in (8)_____ all the crimes of
Heliogabalus

In conics I can (9)_____ peculiarities 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 (10)_____ 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

...

Then I can (11)_____ a washing bill in

(12)_____ cuneiform

And tell you (13)_____ detail of Caractacus's uniform

In short, in (14)_____ vegetable, animal, and
mineral

I am the very model of a modern Major-General

...

In fact

When I know (15)_____ is meant by "mamelon" and



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When I can (16)_____ at sight a Mauser rifle from a
javelin
When such affairs as sorties

And surprises I'm more 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 tactics than a novice in a nunnery
In short, when I've a (17)_____ of
elemental strategy
(Oh, that's a hard one, strategy... Got it!)
You'll say a (18)_____ Major-General has
(19)_____ sat a-gee
...
For my military knowledge
Though I'm (20)_____ and adventure
Has only been brought down
To the (21)_____ of the century
But still, in (22)_____ 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 (23)_____ 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 (26)_____
strategy
You'll say a better Major-General has never (27)_____ a
horse!
...
For my military knowledge
Though I'm plucky and adventure
Has only 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!
...



Fill in the gaps

Answer

1. very
2. very
3. understand
4. teeming
5. cheerful
6. square
7. scientific
8. elegiacs
9. floor
10. which
11. write
12. Babylonian
13. every
14. matters
15. what
16. tell
17. smattering
18. better
19. never
20. plucky
21. beginning
22. matters
23. from
24. wary
25. more
26. elemental
27. rode