



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 (1)_____ vegetable, animal, and mineral

I (2)_____ the kings of England

And I quote the fights historical

From Marathon to Waterloo, in (3)_____ categorical

I'm very well acquainted, too, with (4)_____ mathematical

I understand equations, both the simple and quadratical

About binomial theorem I'm teeming with a lot o' news

(Hmm, lot of news.... Got it!)

With many (5)_____ facts

About the square of the hypotenuse

...

I'm very (6)_____ at integral and

(7)_____ calculus

I know the scientific names of beings animalculous

In short, in matters vegetable, animal, and mineral

I am the very model of a (8)_____ 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 (9)_____ in (10)_____ all the crimes of Heliogabalus

In (11)_____ I can floor peculiarities parabolous

I can (12)_____ undoubted

Raphaels (13)_____ Gerard Dows and Zoffanies

I know the croaking chorus

From The Frogs of Aristophanes

Then I can hum a fugue

Of which I've (14)_____ the music's din afore

(Ooh, din afore, din afore... Got it!)

And (15)_____ all the airs

From that infernal nonsense Pinafore

...

Then I can write a washing bill in Babylonian cuneiform

And tell you (16)_____ detail of Caractacus's uniform

In short, in (17)_____ vegetable, animal, and mineral

I am the very model of a modern Major-General

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In fact

When I (18)_____ what is meant by "mamelon" and "ravelin"

When I can tell at sight a Mauser rifle from a javelin



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And surprises I'm (20)_____ (21)_____ 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 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 (22)_____ down
To the beginning of the century
But still, in (23)_____ 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 (24)_____ a javelin
When such affairs as sorties
And surprises I'm (25)_____ (26)_____ at
And when I (27)_____ 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 smattering of elemental strategy
You'll say a better Major-General has never rode a horse!
...
For my military knowledge
Though I'm (28)_____ 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 model of a modern Major-General!
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Fill in the gaps

Answer

1. information
2. know
3. order
4. matters
5. cheerful
6. good
7. differential
8. modern
9. quote
10. elegiacs
11. conics
12. tell
13. from
14. heard
15. whistle
16. every
17. matters
18. know
19. such
20. more
21. wary
22. brought
23. matters
24. from
25. more
26. wary
27. know
28. plucky