



Fill in the gaps

Major-General's Song by Gilbert And Sullivan

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I am the (1)_____ model of a (2)_____
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 (3)_____ well acquainted, too, with matters
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 cheerful facts

About the square of the hypotenuse

...

I'm very good at integral and differential calculus

I know the scientific names of (4)_____
animalculous

In short, in matters vegetable, animal, and mineral

I am the very model of a modern Major-General

...

I know our (5)_____ history

King Arthur's and Sir Caradoc's

I answer hard acrostics, I've a (6)_____ taste for
paradox

I quote in elegiacs all the crimes of Heliogabalus

In conics I can (7)_____ peculiarities parabolous

I can (8)_____ 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 (9)_____ Pinafore

...

Then I can write a (10)_____ bill in Babylonian
cuneiform

And tell you every detail of Caractacus's uniform

In short, in matters vegetable, animal, and mineral

I am the very model of a modern Major-General

...

In fact

When I know (11)_____ is meant by "mamelon" and
"ravelin"

When I can (12)_____ at sight a Mauser



(13) _____ from a javelin

When (14) _____ affairs as sorties

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And (15) _____ I'm more (16) _____ at
And when I know precisely
What is meant by "commissariat"
When I (17) _____ learnt
What progress has (18) _____ made in modern gunnery
When I know more of tactics than a novice in a nunnery
In short, when I've a smattering of (19) _____
strategy
(Oh, that's a hard one, strategy... Got it!)
You'll say a (20) _____ 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 model of a (21) _____ Major-General
...
(One more time?!)
...
In fact
When I know (22) _____ is meant by "mamelon" and
"ravelin"
When I can tell at sight a Mauser rifle from a javelin
When such affairs as sorties
And (23) _____ I'm more wary at
And (24) _____ I know precisely
What is meant by "commissariat"
When I have learnt
What progress has (25) _____ (26) _____ 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 (27) _____ 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 (28) _____ model of a modern Major-General!
...



Fill in the gaps

Answer

1. very
2. modern
3. very
4. beings
5. mythic
6. pretty
7. floor
8. tell
9. nonsense
10. washing
11. what
12. tell
13. rifle
14. such
15. surprises
16. wary
17. have
18. been
19. elemental
20. better
21. modern
22. what
23. surprises
24. when
25. been
26. made
27. rode
28. very