



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 kings of England

And I (1)_____ the fights historical

From Marathon to Waterloo, in order categorical

I'm very well acquainted, too, with matters mathematical

I understand equations, both the simple and quadratical

About binomial (2)_____ I'm teeming 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 (3)_____ the (4)_____

(5)_____ of beings animalculous

In short, in matters vegetable, animal, and mineral

I am the very (6)_____ 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 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 (9)_____ chorus

From The (10)_____ of Aristophanes

Then I can hum a fugue

Of which I've (11)_____ 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 write a (12)_____ 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 what is meant by "mamelon" and "ravelin"

When I can tell at (13)_____ a (14)_____

(15)_____ (16)_____ a javelin

When such (17)_____ as sorties

And surprises I'm more wary at

And (18)_____ I know precisely

What is meant by "commissariat"

When I (19)_____ learnt

What progress has been (20)_____ 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 (21)_____ been (22)_____ 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 (23)_____ 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 (24)_____ a novice in a
nunnery

In short, when I've a (25)_____ of
elemental strategy

You'll say a better Major-General has (26)_____ rode
a horse!

...

For my military knowledge

Though I'm plucky and adventury

Has (27)_____ (28)_____ brought down

To the (29)_____ 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. quote
2. theorem
3. know
4. scientific
5. names
6. model
7. floor
8. tell
9. croaking
10. Frogs
11. heard
12. washing
13. sight
14. Mauser
15. rifle
16. from
17. affairs
18. when
19. have
20. made
21. only
22. brought
23. such
24. than
25. smattering
26. never
27. only
28. been
29. beginning