



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 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 (2)_____ 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

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I'm very good at integral and differential calculus
I (3)_____ the scientific (4)_____ of beings
animalculous
In short, in matters vegetable, animal, and mineral
I am the (5)_____ model of a modern Major-General

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I (6)_____ our mythic history
King Arthur's and Sir Caradoc's
I answer (7)_____ acrostics, I've a pretty taste for
paradox
I quote in elegiacs all the crimes of Heliogabalus
In conics I can (8)_____
(9)_____ parabolous
I can (10)_____ undoubted
Raphaels from Gerard Dows and Zoffanies
I know the croaking chorus
From The (11)_____ of Aristophanes
Then I can hum a fugue
Of which I've (12)_____ the music's din afore
(Ooh, din afore, din afore... Got it!)
And whistle all the airs
From that (13)_____ nonsense Pinafore

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Then I can write a washing bill in Babylonian cuneiform
And tell you every (14)_____ of Caractacus's
uniform
In short, in (15)_____ vegetable, animal, and
mineral
I am the very model of a (16)_____ Major-General

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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 such (17) _____ as sorties

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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 (18) _____ 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 (19) _____ 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
...
(One more time?!)
...
In fact
When I know what is meant by "mamelon" and "ravelin"
When I can tell at sight a (20) _____ rifle from a
javelin
When such affairs as sorties
And surprises I'm more wary at
And when I know precisely
What is (21) _____ by "commissariat"
When I have learnt
What progress has been made in (22) _____
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 plucky and adventure
Has only been brought 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!
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Answer

1. kings
2. binomial
3. know
4. names
5. very
6. know
7. hard
8. floor
9. peculiarities
10. tell
11. Frogs
12. heard
13. infernal
14. detail
15. matters
16. modern
17. affairs
18. than
19. plucky
20. Mauser
21. meant
22. modern
23. matters