



Fill in the gaps

Major-General's Song by Gilbert And Sullivan

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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 very well acquainted, too, (2)_____ 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 (3)_____ (4)_____ facts
About the square of the hypotenuse

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I'm very (5)_____ at integral and differential calculus
I know the scientific names of beings animalculous
In short, in matters vegetable, animal, and mineral
I am the very model of a (6)_____ Major-General

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I know 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 floor 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 (9)_____ all the airs
From that infernal nonsense Pinafore

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Then I can write a washing bill in Babylonian cuneiform
And (10)_____ you every (11)_____ of
Caractacus's uniform
In short, in matters vegetable, animal, and mineral
I am the very model of a (12)_____ Major-General

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In fact
When I know what is meant by "mamelon" and "ravelin"
When I can (13)_____ at sight a Mauser rifle from a
javelin
When such affairs as sorties

And surprises I'm more wary at
And when I (14)_____ precisely
What is (15)_____ by "commissariat"
When I have learnt
What (16)_____ has (17)_____ made in
(18)_____ 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

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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 modern Major-General

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(One (19)_____ time?!)

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In fact
When I know what is meant by "mamelon" and "ravelin"
When I can tell at sight a Mauser (20)_____ from a
javelin
When (21)_____ (22)_____ as sorties
And (23)_____ 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 more of (25)_____ 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!

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For my military knowledge
Though I'm plucky and adventury
Has only been brought down
To the beginning of the century
But still, in (26)_____ vegetable, animal, and
mineral
I am the very model of a modern Major-General!

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Fill in the gaps

Answer

1. very
2. with
3. many
4. cheerful
5. good
6. modern
7. hard
8. tell
9. whistle
10. tell
11. detail
12. modern
13. tell
14. know
15. meant
16. progress
17. been
18. modern
19. more
20. rifle
21. such
22. affairs
23. surprises
24. wary
25. tactics
26. matters