



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 (2)_____ categorical
I'm very well acquainted, too, with (3)_____ mathematical
I understand equations, both the simple and quadratical
About binomial (4)_____ 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
(5)_____ calculus
I know the scientific (6)_____ of beings animalculous
In short, in (7)_____ vegetable, animal, and mineral
I am the very model of a (8)_____ Major-General

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I know our mythic history
King Arthur's and Sir Caradoc's
I (9)_____ hard acrostics, I've a pretty
(10)_____ for paradox
I quote in elegiacs all the crimes of Heliogabalus
In conics I can floor peculiarities parabolous
I can tell undoubted
Raphaels from Gerard Dows and Zoffanias
I (11)_____ 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 nonsense Pinafore

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Then I can write a washing 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

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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 affairs as sorties

And surprises I'm more wary at
And when I (12)_____ precisely
What is (13)_____ by "commissariat"
When I have learnt
What (14)_____ has been made in modern
gunnery
When I (15)_____ more of tactics than a
(16)_____ 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 (17)_____ of the century
But still, in matters vegetable, animal, and mineral
I am the very model of a (18)_____ Major-General

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(One more time?!)

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In fact
When I (19)_____ what is meant by "mamelon" and
"ravelin"
When I can tell at sight a (20)_____ rifle from a
javelin
When such (21)_____ as sorties
And surprises I'm (22)_____ wary at
And when I know precisely
What is meant by "commissariat"
When I have learnt
What progress has been (23)_____ in modern gunnery
When I know more of tactics than a (24)_____ in a
nunnery
In short, (25)_____ I've a (26)_____
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 (27)_____ 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!

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Fill in the gaps

Answer

1. kings
2. order
3. matters
4. theorem
5. differential
6. names
7. matters
8. modern
9. answer
10. taste
11. know
12. know
13. meant
14. progress
15. know
16. novice
17. beginning
18. modern
19. know
20. Mauser
21. affairs
22. more
23. made
24. novice
25. when
26. smattering
27. plucky
28. very