



Fill in the gaps

Major-General's Song by Gilbert And Sullivan

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I am the very model of a (1)_____ Major-General

I've information vegetable, animal, and mineral

I know the (2)_____ of England

And I quote the fights historical

From Marathon to Waterloo, in order categorical

I'm very well acquainted, too, (3)_____

(4)_____ mathematical

I (5)_____ equations, both the

(6)_____ 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 (7)_____ of beings animalculous

In short, in matters vegetable, animal, and mineral

I am the very model of a modern Major-General

...

I know our mythic history

King Arthur's and Sir Caradoc's

I answer (8)_____ 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 tell undoubted

Raphaels from Gerard Dows and Zoffanies

I know the (9)_____ 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 (10)_____ Pinafore

...

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 (11)_____ of a modern Major-General

...

In fact

When I know what is meant by "mamelon" and "ravelin"

When I can tell at sight a Mauser (12)_____ from a javelin

When such 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 (13)_____ made in modern gunnery

When I know more of (14)_____ than a

(15)_____ in a nunnery

In short, (16)_____ 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 only been brought down

To the beginning of the century

But still, in matters vegetable, animal, and mineral

I am the (17)_____ (18)_____ of a modern Major-General

...

(One (19)_____ time?!)

...

In fact

When I (20)_____ what is meant by "mamelon" and "ravelin"

When I can tell at sight a Mauser rifle from a javelin

When (21)_____ (22)_____ as sorties

And surprises I'm (23)_____ (24)_____ at

And when I know precisely

What is meant by "commissariat"

When I (25)_____ learnt

What progress has been made in modern gunnery

When I know more of tactics than a (26)_____ 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 adventury

Has only (27)_____ brought down

To the beginning of the century

But still, in matters vegetable, animal, and mineral

I am the very (28)_____ of a modern Major-General!

...



Fill in the gaps

Answer

1. modern
2. kings
3. with
4. matters
5. understand
6. simple
7. names
8. hard
9. croaking
10. nonsense
11. model
12. rifle
13. been
14. tactics
15. novice
16. when
17. very
18. model
19. more
20. know
21. such
22. affairs
23. more
24. wary
25. have
26. novice
27. been
28. model