



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 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 (1)_____ and
quadratical

About binomial theorem I'm (2)_____

(3)_____ a lot o' news

(Hmm, lot of news.... Got it!)

With many (4)_____ facts

About the square of the hypotenuse

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I'm very (5)_____ at (6)_____ 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 modern Major-General

...

I know our mythic history

King Arthur's and Sir Caradoc's

I (7)_____ hard acrostics, I've a pretty taste for
paradox

I (8)_____ in (9)_____ all the crimes of
Heliogabalus

In conics I can floor peculiarities parabolous

I can (10)_____ undoubted

Raphael's (11)_____ 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 whistle all the airs

From that infernal nonsense Pinafore

...

Then I can write a (12)_____ bill in Babylonian
cuneiform

And (13)_____ 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 (14)_____ is (15)_____ by
"mamelon" and "ravelin"



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When I can (16) _____ at sight a Mauser rifle from a javelin

When such affairs as sorties

And surprises I'm more wary at
And (17) _____ I know precisely
What is meant by "commissariat"
When I (18) _____ learnt
What (19) _____ has been made in modern
gunnery
When I (20) _____ more of tactics than a novice in a
nunnery

In short, when I've a smattering of (21) _____
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 (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 (24) _____ wary 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 novice in a nunnery

In short, when I've a smattering of elemental strategy

You'll say a (26) _____ 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 (28) _____ vegetable, animal, and
mineral

I am the very model of a modern Major-General!

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Answer

1. simple
2. teeming
3. with
4. cheerful
5. good
6. integral
7. answer
8. quote
9. elegiacs
10. tell
11. from
12. washing
13. tell
14. what
15. meant
16. tell
17. when
18. have
19. progress
20. know
21. elemental
22. brought
23. such
24. more
25. have
26. better
27. been
28. matters

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