



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 (1)_____ 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 binomial theorem I'm teeming (2)_____ 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 know the scientific names of (3)_____ animalculous
In short, in matters vegetable, animal, and mineral
I am the very model of a modern Major-General

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I (4)_____ our mythic history
King Arthur's and Sir Caradoc's
I (5)_____ hard 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 (6)_____ undoubted
Raphaels from Gerard Dows and Zoffanies
I know the croaking chorus
From The Frogs of Aristophanes
Then I can hum a fugue
Of (7)_____ 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 (8)_____ a (9)_____
(10)_____ in (11)_____ cuneiform
And tell you every (12)_____ 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 (13)_____ as sorties

And surprises I'm more wary at
And (14)_____ I know precisely
What is meant by "commissariat"
When I have learnt
What progress has been (15)_____ in modern gunnery
When I know more of tactics (16)_____ 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 (17)_____ 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 (18)_____ time?!)

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In fact
When I know (19)_____ is meant by "mamelon" and
"ravelin"
When I can tell at sight a Mauser rifle from a javelin
When such affairs as sorties
And (20)_____ I'm more wary at
And (21)_____ 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 (22)_____ than a novice in
a nunnery
In short, (23)_____ 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 (24)_____ down
To the (25)_____ 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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Answer

1. quote
2. with
3. beings
4. know
5. answer
6. tell
7. which
8. write
9. washing
10. bill
11. Babylonian
12. detail
13. affairs
14. when
15. made
16. than
17. military
18. more
19. what
20. surprises
21. when
22. tactics
23. when
24. brought
25. beginning
26. matters

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