



## Fill in the gaps

### Major-General's Song by Gilbert And Sullivan

...

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

...

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 Dow's 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

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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!  
...



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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