



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 simple and quadratical
About binomial (1)_____ 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 (2)_____ (3)_____ at (4)_____
and (5)_____ 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

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I (6)_____ our mythic history
King Arthur's and Sir Caradoc's
I answer hard acrostics, I've a pretty taste for paradox
I quote in elegiacs all the (7)_____ of Heliogabalus
In (8)_____ I can floor
(9)_____ parabolous
I can (10)_____ undoubted
Raphaels from Gerard Dows and Zoffanies
I (11)_____ the (12)_____ 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 (13)_____ 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 (14)_____ a Mauser rifle
(15)_____ a javelin
When such affairs as sorties

And (16)_____ I'm more wary at
And when I know precisely
What is (17)_____ by "commissariat"
When I (18)_____ learnt
What progress has been made in modern gunnery
When I (19)_____ more of tactics than a novice in a
nunnery
In short, (20)_____ I've a smattering of elemental
strategy
(Oh, that's a (21)_____ one, strategy... Got it!)
You'll say a (22)_____ 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 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 more time?!)

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In fact
When I (23)_____ (24)_____ is meant by
"mamelon" and "ravelin"
When I can tell at (25)_____ a Mauser
(26)_____ 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 (27)_____ 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 (28)_____ 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 (29)_____ (30)_____ 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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Answer

1. theorem
2. very
3. good
4. integral
5. differential
6. know
7. crimes
8. conics
9. peculiarities
10. tell
11. know
12. croaking
13. bill
14. sight
15. from
16. surprises
17. meant
18. have
19. know
20. when
21. hard
22. better
23. know
24. what
25. sight
26. rifle
27. have
28. smattering
29. been
30. brought