



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

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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
Raphaels (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

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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

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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

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(One more time?!)

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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 (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!

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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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Fill in the gaps

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