



Fill in the gaps

Major-General's Song by Gilbert And Sullivan

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I am the (1)_____ model of a (2)_____

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 (3)_____ categorical

I'm very well acquainted, too, with (4)_____

mathematical

I (5)_____ equations, (6)_____ the

(7)_____ and quadratical

About binomial (8)_____ I'm teeming with a lot o'

news

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

With many cheerful facts

About the square of the hypotenuse

...

I'm very (9)_____ at integral 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 answer hard acrostics, I've a pretty taste for paradox

I quote in elegiacs all the (10)_____ of Heliogabalus

In conics I can floor peculiarities parabolous

I can (11)_____ undoubted

Raphaels from 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 tell you every detail of Caractacus's uniform

In short, in (13)_____ vegetable, animal, and

mineral

I am the very (14)_____ of a modern Major-General

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In fact

When I (15)_____ what is meant by "mamelon" and

"ravelin"



When I can tell at sight a Mauser rifle from a javelin

When such affairs as sorties

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And surprises I'm more wary at
And when I know precisely
What is meant by "commissariat"
When I (16)_____ learnt
What progress has (17)_____ (18)_____ in modern
gunnery
When I (19)_____ (20)_____ of tactics than a
novice in a nunnery
In short, when I've a smattering of (21)_____
strategy
(Oh, that's a (22)_____ 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 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
...
(One more time?!)
...
In fact
When I know what is meant by "mamelon" and "ravelin"
When I can tell at sight a Mauser rifle (23)_____ a javelin
When such affairs as sorties
And (24)_____ I'm (25)_____ wary at
And when 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 tactics than a novice in a nunnery
In short, (26)_____ I've a smattering of elemental
strategy
You'll say a better Major-General has (27)_____ rode
a horse!
...
For my military knowledge
Though I'm plucky and adventury
Has (28)_____ 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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Answer

1. very
2. modern
3. order
4. matters
5. understand
6. both
7. simple
8. theorem
9. good
10. crimes
11. tell
12. washing
13. matters
14. model
15. know
16. have
17. been
18. made
19. know
20. more
21. elemental
22. hard
23. from
24. surprises
25. more
26. when
27. never
28. only