



Fill in the gaps

Major-General's Song by Gilbert And Sullivan

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I am the very model of a (1)_____ Major-General
I've information vegetable, animal, and mineral
I (2)_____ the (3)_____ 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 theorem 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 very good 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 (4)_____ of a modern Major-General

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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 crimes of Heliogabalus
In conics I can floor (5)_____
parabolous
I can tell undoubted
Raphaels (6)_____ (7)_____ 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 (8)_____ Pinafore

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Then I can (9)_____ a washing bill in Babylonian
cuneiform
And tell you (10)_____ detail of Caractacus's uniform
In short, in matters vegetable, animal, and mineral
I am the (11)_____ model of a modern Major-General

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In fact
When I know (12)_____ is meant by "mamelon" and
"ravelin"
When I can tell at (13)_____ a Mauser rifle from a
javelin
When such affairs as sorties

And surprises I'm more (14)_____ at
And when I (15)_____ 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, when I've a smattering of elemental strategy
(Oh, that's a (16)_____ 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 (17)_____ and adventure
Has only been brought down
To the beginning of the century
But still, in matters vegetable, animal, and mineral
I am the very (18)_____ of a (19)_____
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 (20)_____ (21)_____ as sorties
And (22)_____ I'm more wary at
And when I know precisely
What is meant by "commissariat"
When I have learnt
What progress has been made in (23)_____
gunnery
When I know more of tactics than a (24)_____ in a
nunnery
In short, (25)_____ 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 (26)_____ knowledge
Though I'm plucky and adventure
Has only (27)_____ 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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Fill in the gaps

Answer

1. modern
2. know
3. kings
4. model
5. peculiarities
6. from
7. Gerard
8. nonsense
9. write
10. every
11. very
12. what
13. sight
14. wary
15. know
16. hard
17. plucky
18. model
19. modern
20. such
21. affairs
22. surprises
23. modern
24. novice
25. when
26. military
27. been