



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 know the kings of England
And I (2)_____ the fights historical
From (3)_____ 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 (4)_____ a lot o'
news
(Hmm, lot of news.... Got it!)
With (5)_____ 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 (6)_____ 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 (7)_____ in elegiacs all the (8)_____ of
Heliogabalus
In conics I can (9)_____ peculiarities parabolous
I can tell 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 (10)_____ the music's din afore
(Ooh, din afore, din afore... Got it!)
And whistle all the airs
From (11)_____ infernal nonsense Pinafore

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Then I can write a (12)_____ (13)_____ in
(14)_____ cuneiform
And tell you every (15)_____ of Caractacus's
uniform
In short, in matters vegetable, animal, and mineral
I am the (16)_____ model of a modern Major-General

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In fact
When I know what is (17)_____ by "mamelon" and
"ravelin"
When I can tell at sight a Mauser rifle from a javelin



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And surprises I'm more wary at
And when I (19)_____ precisely
What is meant by "commissariat"
When I have learnt
What (20)_____ 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 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 brought down
To the beginning of the century
But still, in (21)_____ 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 (22)_____ rifle from a
javelin
When such affairs as sorties
And surprises I'm more wary at
And when I know precisely
What is (23)_____ by "commissariat"
When I have learnt
What progress has (24)_____ made in modern gunnery
When I know more of tactics than a novice in a nunnery
In short, when I've a smattering of (25)_____
strategy
You'll say a better Major-General has never rode a horse!
...
For my military knowledge
Though I'm plucky and adventury
Has only been (26)_____ 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. modern
2. quote
3. Marathon
4. with
5. many
6. names
7. quote
8. crimes
9. floor
10. heard
11. that
12. washing
13. bill
14. Babylonian
15. detail
16. very
17. meant
18. such
19. know
20. progress
21. matters
22. Mauser
23. meant
24. been
25. elemental
26. brought