



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 (1)_____ vegetable, animal, and mineral

I (2)_____ the kings of England

And I (3)_____ 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 (4)_____ 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 (5)_____ at (6)_____ and

(7)_____ 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 (8)_____ acrostics, I've a (9)_____

taste for paradox

I quote in elegiacs all the crimes of Heliogabalus

In conics I can floor peculiarities parabolous

I can tell undoubted

Raphaels from (10)_____ (11)_____ and

Zoffanies

I (12)_____ 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 washing bill in Babylonian cuneiform

And tell you every detail of Caractacus's uniform

In short, in matters vegetable, animal, and mineral

I am the (13)_____ model of a modern Major-General

...

In fact

When I know what is meant by "mamelon" and "ravelin"

When I can tell at sight a Mauser (14)_____ from a javelin



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And (15)_____ I'm (16)_____ wary at
And when I (17)_____ precisely
What is (18)_____ 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 (19)_____
strategy
(Oh, that's a hard one, strategy... Got it!)
You'll say a (20)_____ Major-General has never sat
a-gee
...
For my (21)_____ knowledge
Though I'm plucky and adventury
Has only been brought down
To the beginning of the century
But still, in (22)_____ vegetable, animal, and
mineral
I am the (23)_____ model of a (24)_____
Major-General
...
(One more time?!)
...
In fact
When I know what is meant by "mamelon" and "ravelin"
When I can tell at (25)_____ a Mauser rifle from a
javelin
When such affairs as sorties
And surprises I'm more wary at
And when I (26)_____ 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
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 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. information
2. know
3. quote
4. theorem
5. good
6. integral
7. differential
8. hard
9. pretty
10. Gerard
11. Dows
12. know
13. very
14. rifle
15. surprises
16. more
17. know
18. meant
19. elemental
20. better
21. military
22. matters
23. very
24. modern
25. sight
26. know