



Fill in the gaps

Major-General's Song by Gilbert And Sullivan

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I am the (1)_____ model of a modern Major-General
I've information vegetable, animal, and mineral
I know the (2)_____ 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 (3)_____ (4)_____ at integral and differential
calculus
I know the (5)_____ (6)_____ of
beings animalculous
In short, in matters vegetable, animal, and mineral
I am the very (7)_____ 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 (8)_____ taste for
paradox
I quote in (9)_____ all the (10)_____
of Heliogabalus
In conics I can floor peculiarities parabolous
I can (11)_____ undoubted
Raphaels from (12)_____ Dows and Zoffanies
I know the (13)_____ chorus
From The (14)_____ 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 washing bill in Babylonian cuneiform
And (15)_____ you every detail of Caractacus's uniform
In short, in matters vegetable, animal, and mineral
I am the (16)_____ model of a (17)_____
Major-General

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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 such (18)_____ as sorties

And surprises 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 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

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For my (19)_____ knowledge
Though I'm (20)_____ and adventure
Has only been brought down
To the beginning of the century
But still, in matters vegetable, animal, and mineral
I am the (21)_____ 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 such affairs as sorties
And (22)_____ I'm more wary at
And (23)_____ I know precisely
What is meant by "commissariat"
When I have learnt
What progress has been made in modern gunnery
When I (24)_____ more of tactics than a novice in a
nunnery
In short, (25)_____ I've a smattering of elemental
strategy
You'll say a better Major-General has (26)_____ rode
a horse!

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For my military knowledge
Though I'm (27)_____ 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 model of a (28)_____ Major-General!

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Fill in the gaps

Answer

1. very
2. kings
3. very
4. good
5. scientific
6. names
7. model
8. pretty
9. elegiacs
10. crimes
11. tell
12. Gerard
13. croaking
14. Frogs
15. tell
16. very
17. modern
18. affairs
19. military
20. plucky
21. very
22. surprises
23. when
24. know
25. when
26. never
27. plucky
28. modern