



Fill in the gaps

Major-General's Song by Gilbert And Sullivan

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I am the (1)_____ (2)_____ of a modern
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 order categorical

I'm very well acquainted, too, with matters mathematical

I understand equations, both the simple and quadratical

About binomial theorem I'm (3)_____ with a lot o'
news

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

With many cheerful facts

About the square of the hypotenuse

...

I'm very good at integral and differential calculus

I (4)_____ the scientific names of beings animalculous

In short, in matters vegetable, animal, and mineral

I am the (5)_____ model of a (6)_____
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 crimes of Heliogabalus

In conics I can floor (8)_____
parabolous

I can tell undoubted

Raphaels (9)_____ Gerard Dows and Zoffanies

I know the croaking chorus

From The (10)_____ of Aristophanes

Then I can hum a fugue

Of which I've (11)_____ the music's din afore

(Ooh, din afore, din afore... Got it!)

And whistle all the airs

From that (12)_____ (13)_____

Pinafore

...

Then I can (14)_____ 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 very 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 rifle from a javelin



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And (15)_____ I'm more wary at
And when I know precisely
What is meant by "commissariat"
When I (16)_____ learnt
What progress has been made in (17)_____
gunnery
When I know more of tactics than a (18)_____ in a
nunnery
In short, when I've a smattering of elemental strategy
(Oh, that's a (19)_____ one, strategy... Got it!)
You'll say a better Major-General has never sat a-gee
...
For my military 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 very (21)_____ 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 (22)_____ from a
javelin
When such affairs as sorties
And surprises I'm (23)_____ wary at
And when I know precisely
What is meant by "commissariat"
When I (24)_____ 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 (25)_____
strategy
You'll say a better Major-General has never rode a horse!
...
For my military knowledge
Though I'm (26)_____ and adventure
Has only been (27)_____ down
To the beginning of the century
But still, in matters vegetable, animal, and mineral
I am the (28)_____ model of a modern Major-General!
...



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Answer

1. very
2. model
3. teeming
4. know
5. very
6. modern
7. quote
8. peculiarities
9. from
10. Frogs
11. heard
12. infernal
13. nonsense
14. write
15. surprises
16. have
17. modern
18. novice
19. hard
20. plucky
21. model
22. rifle
23. more
24. have
25. elemental
26. plucky
27. brought
28. very