



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 information vegetable, animal, and mineral

I know the kings of England

And I quote the fights historical

From (1)_____ 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 (2)_____ 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 (3)_____ of a modern Major-General

...

I (4)_____ 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 peculiarities parabolous

I can tell undoubted

Raphaels from Gerard (5)_____ 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 (6)_____ Pinafore

...

Then I can write a washing (7)_____ in Babylonian
cuneiform

And (8)_____ you every detail of Caractacus's uniform

In short, in matters vegetable, animal, and mineral

I am the very model of a (9)_____ Major-General

...

In fact

When I (10)_____ what is (11)_____ by
"mamelon" and "ravelin"

When I can tell at sight a Mauser rifle from a javelin

When (12)_____ affairs as sorties

And surprises I'm more wary at

And when I know precisely

What is meant by "commissariat"

When I have learnt

What (13)_____ has been made in modern
gunnery

When I (14)_____ more of tactics (15)_____ a
(16)_____ in a nunnery

In short, (17)_____ I've a smattering of

(18)_____ strategy

(Oh, that's a (19)_____ one, strategy... Got it!)

You'll say a better Major-General has never sat a-gee

...

For my (20)_____ knowledge

Though I'm (21)_____ 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 modern Major-General

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(One more time?!)

...

In fact

When I know what is (22)_____ by "mamelon" and
"ravelin"

When I can tell at sight a Mauser rifle from a javelin

When such affairs as sorties

And surprises I'm more wary at

And when I know precisely

What is meant by "commissariat"

When I (23)_____ learnt

What progress has been (24)_____ in
(25)_____ gunnery

When I know more of tactics than a (26)_____ 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 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 modern Major-General!

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Fill in the gaps

Answer

1. Marathon
2. with
3. model
4. know
5. Dows
6. nonsense
7. bill
8. tell
9. modern
10. know
11. meant
12. such
13. progress
14. know
15. than
16. novice
17. when
18. elemental
19. hard
20. military
21. plucky
22. meant
23. have
24. made
25. modern
26. novice