



Fill in the gaps

Major-General's Song by Gilbert And Sullivan

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I am the very (1)_____ of a (2)_____

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 teeming with a lot o' news

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

With many (3)_____ facts

About the square of the hypotenuse

...

I'm very (4)_____ at (5)_____ and

differential calculus

I know the scientific names of beings animalculous

In short, in matters vegetable, animal, and mineral

I am the (6)_____ model of a modern Major-General

...

I know our mythic history

King Arthur's and Sir Caradoc's

I (7)_____ hard acrostics, I've a pretty taste for
paradox

I quote in (8)_____ all the crimes of
Heliogabalus

In conics I can floor peculiarities parabolous

I can (9)_____ undoubted

Raphaels from Gerard Dows and Zoffanies

I know the croaking chorus

From The (10)_____ 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 (11)_____ all the airs

From that infernal nonsense Pinafore

...

Then I can write a washing bill in Babylonian cuneiform

And (12)_____ you every (13)_____ 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 (14)_____

(15)_____ a javelin



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And surprises I'm (17)_____ wary at
And when I know precisely
What is (18)_____ by "commissariat"
When I have learnt
What progress has been made in modern gunnery
When I (19)_____ more of (20)_____ 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 (21)_____ 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 matters vegetable, animal, and mineral
I am the (22)_____ 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 Mauser rifle (23)_____ 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 have learnt
What progress has been made in (24)_____
gunnery
When I know more of tactics than a (25)_____ in a
nunnery
In short, when I've a smattering of elemental strategy
You'll say a (26)_____ Major-General has never
rode a horse!
...
For my military knowledge
Though I'm (27)_____ and adventury
Has only (28)_____ (29)_____ down
To the beginning of the century
But still, in matters vegetable, animal, and mineral
I am the (30)_____ model of a modern Major-General!
...



Fill in the gaps

Answer

1. model
2. modern
3. cheerful
4. good
5. integral
6. very
7. answer
8. elegiacs
9. tell
10. Frogs
11. whistle
12. tell
13. detail
14. rifle
15. from
16. such
17. more
18. meant
19. know
20. tactics
21. never
22. very
23. from
24. modern
25. novice
26. better
27. plucky
28. been
29. brought
30. very