



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 (1)_____ the fights historical
From Marathon to Waterloo, in order categorical
I'm very (2)_____ acquainted, too, with matters
mathematical
I understand equations, both the simple and quadratical
About binomial (3)_____ I'm teeming
(4)_____ 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 integral and differential calculus
I (6)_____ the scientific names of beings animalculous
In short, in matters vegetable, animal, and mineral
I am the very model of a (7)_____ 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 quote in elegiacs all the crimes of Heliogabalus
In (8)_____ I can floor peculiarities parabolous
I can tell undoubted
Raphaels from (9)_____ Dows and Zoffianes
I (10)_____ the croaking chorus
From The Frogs of Aristophanes
Then I can hum a fugue
Of (11)_____ 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 (12)_____ 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
When such (13)_____ as sorties

And (14)_____ I'm more wary at
And when I know precisely
What is (15)_____ by "commissariat"
When I have learnt
What progress has been made in (16)_____
gunnery
When I know more of tactics than a novice in a nunnery
In short, when I've a (17)_____ of
elemental strategy
(Oh, that's a hard one, strategy... Got it!)

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

For my military knowledge
Though I'm (18)_____ 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
...

(One more time?!)

...

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 (19)_____ I'm more wary at
And when I know precisely
What is meant by "commissariat"
When I (20)_____ learnt
What (21)_____ has been made in modern
gunnery
When I (22)_____ more of (23)_____ than a
novice in a nunnery
In short, when I've a smattering of (24)_____
strategy
You'll say a better Major-General has (25)_____
(26)_____ a horse!
...

For my military knowledge
Though I'm plucky and adventure
Has only been brought down
To the (27)_____ of the century
But still, in (28)_____ vegetable, animal, and
mineral
I am the very model of a modern Major-General!
...



Fill in the gaps

Answer

1. quote
2. well
3. theorem
4. with
5. good
6. know
7. modern
8. conics
9. Gerard
10. know
11. which
12. every
13. affairs
14. surprises
15. meant
16. modern
17. smattering
18. plucky
19. surprises
20. have
21. progress
22. know
23. tactics
24. elemental
25. never
26. rode
27. beginning
28. matters