



Fill in the gaps

Major-General's Song by Gilbert And Sullivan

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

I'm very good at integral and differential calculus
I know the scientific (3)_____ of beings animalculous
In short, in matters vegetable, animal, and mineral
I am the (4)_____ model of a modern Major-General
...

I (5)_____ our mythic history
King Arthur's and Sir Caradoc's
I answer (6)_____ 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 Dows 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 (7)_____ all the airs
From that infernal nonsense Pinafore
...

Then I can write a washing bill in Babylonian cuneiform
And (8)_____ you every detail of Caractacus's uniform
In short, in matters vegetable, animal, and mineral
I am the very (9)_____ of a modern Major-General
...

In fact
When I (10)_____ (11)_____ is (12)_____
by "mamelon" and "ravelin"
When I can tell at sight a Mauser rifle (13)_____ a javelin
When such affairs as sorties

And (14)_____ I'm more wary at
And when I know precisely
What is meant by "commissariat"
When I have learnt
What progress has (15)_____ (16)_____ in
(17)_____ gunnery
When I know more of tactics than a novice in a nunnery
In short, when I've a (18)_____ 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 plucky and adventury
Has only been (19)_____ 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 (20)_____ time?!)
...

In fact
When I know what is meant by "mamelon" and "ravelin"
When I can tell at sight a (21)_____ rifle
(22)_____ a javelin
When such (23)_____ 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 (24)_____ than a
(25)_____ in a nunnery
In short, (26)_____ I've a smattering of
(27)_____ strategy
You'll say a better Major-General has never rode a horse!
...

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 (28)_____ model of a (29)_____
Major-General!
...



Answer

1. modern
2. well
3. names
4. very
5. know
6. hard
7. whistle
8. tell
9. model
10. know
11. what
12. meant
13. from
14. surprises
15. been
16. made
17. modern
18. smattering
19. brought
20. more
21. Mauser
22. from
23. affairs
24. tactics
25. novice
26. when
27. elemental
28. very
29. modern

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