



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 (2)_____ of England

And I (3)_____ the fights historical

From Marathon to Waterloo, in order categorical

I'm (4)_____ 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 cheerful facts

About the (5)_____ of the hypotenuse

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I'm (6)_____ good at integral and differential calculus

I know the scientific names of beings animalculous

In short, in (7)_____ vegetable, animal, and mineral

I am the very model of a modern Major-General

...

I know our mythic history

King Arthur's and Sir Caradoc's

I answer hard acrostics, I've a (8)_____ taste for paradox

I (9)_____ 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 (10)_____ I've heard the music's din afore

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

And whistle all the airs

From that infernal (11)_____ Pinafore

...

Then I can (12)_____ a washing bill in Babylonian cuneiform

And tell 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 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 have learnt

What progress has been made in modern gunnery

When I know more of tactics than a (14)_____ in a nunnery

In short, when I've a smattering of (15)_____ strategy

(Oh, that's a (16)_____ 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 brought down

To the (17)_____ 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 (18)_____ time?!)

...

In fact

When I know what is (19)_____ by "mamelon" and "ravelin"

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

When such affairs as sorties

And (20)_____ I'm more (21)_____ at

And when I (22)_____ precisely

What is meant by "commissariat"

When I have learnt

What progress has been made in modern gunnery

When I know (23)_____ of (24)_____ than a novice in a nunnery

In short, when I've a (25)_____ of elemental strategy

You'll say a better Major-General has (26)_____ rode a horse!

...

For my military knowledge

Though I'm plucky and adventury

Has (27)_____ been (28)_____ 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. modern
2. kings
3. quote
4. very
5. square
6. very
7. matters
8. pretty
9. quote
10. which
11. nonsense
12. write
13. detail
14. novice
15. elemental
16. hard
17. beginning
18. more
19. meant
20. surprises
21. wary
22. know
23. more
24. tactics
25. smattering
26. never
27. only
28. brought