



Fill in the gaps

Major-General's Song by Gilbert And Sullivan

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I am the (1)_____ model of a (2)_____
Major-General

I've information vegetable, animal, and mineral

I know the kings of England

And I quote the (3)_____ historical

From (4)_____ to Waterloo, in order
categorical

I'm very well acquainted, too, with matters mathematical

I understand equations, (5)_____ 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 (6)_____ the (7)_____ names of
beings animalculous

In short, in (8)_____ 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 (9)_____ (10)_____ acrostics, I've a pretty
(11)_____ 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 (12)_____ chorus

From The (13)_____ of Aristophanes

Then I can hum a fugue

Of which I've (14)_____ 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 (15)_____
cuneiform

And tell you every detail of Caractacus's uniform

In short, in matters vegetable, animal, and mineral

I am the very model of a modern Major-General

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In fact

When I know what is (16)_____ by "mamelon" and



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When I can tell at (17)_____ 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 (18)_____ gunnery
When I know more of tactics than a novice in a nunnery
In short, (19)_____ I've a smattering of elemental strategy
(Oh, that's a (20)_____ one, strategy... Got it!)
You'll say a (21)_____ Major-General has never sat a-gee

...
For my military knowledge
Though I'm (22)_____ 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 (23)_____ (24)_____ is meant by "mamelon" and "ravelin"
When I can tell at sight a Mauser rifle (25)_____ a javelin
When such affairs as sorties
And surprises I'm (26)_____ wary at
And when I know precisely
What is (27)_____ by "commissariat"
When I (28)_____ learnt
What progress has been made in modern gunnery
When I know more of tactics than a novice 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!

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For my military knowledge
Though I'm (29)_____ 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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Answer

1. very
2. modern
3. fights
4. Marathon
5. both
6. know
7. scientific
8. matters
9. answer
10. hard
11. taste
12. croaking
13. Frogs
14. heard
15. Babylonian
16. meant
17. sight
18. modern
19. when
20. hard
21. better
22. plucky
23. know
24. what
25. from
26. more
27. meant
28. have
29. plucky