



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 quote the (1)_____ historical
From Marathon to Waterloo, in order categorical
I'm very well acquainted, too, with matters mathematical
I understand equations, both the (2)_____ and
quadratical
About (3)_____ 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 names of beings animalculous
In short, in matters vegetable, animal, and mineral
I am the (4)_____ model of a (5)_____
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 conics I can (6)_____ peculiarities parabolous
I can tell undoubted
Raphaels from Gerard (7)_____ and Zoffanies
I (8)_____ the croaking chorus
From The Frogs of Aristophanes
Then I can hum a fugue
Of (9)_____ 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

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Then I can write a (10)_____ bill in Babylonian
cuneiform
And (11)_____ you every (12)_____ 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 (13)_____ by "mamelon" and
"ravelin"
When I can tell at sight a Mauser rifle from a javelin



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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 (14)_____ in
(15)_____ gunnery
When I (16)_____ more of tactics (17)_____ a
(18)_____ in a nunnery
In short, when I've a (19)_____ 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 (20)_____ and adventure
Has (21)_____ been brought down
To the beginning of the century
But still, in matters vegetable, animal, and mineral
I am the very model of a (22)_____ Major-General
...
(One more time?!)
...
In fact
When I know what is meant by "mamelon" and "ravelin"
When I can tell at sight a (23)_____ 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 (24)_____ made in modern gunnery
When I know more of tactics (25)_____ a novice in a
nunnery
In short, when I've a (26)_____ of
elemental strategy
You'll say a better Major-General has never rode a horse!
...
For my military knowledge
Though I'm plucky and adventure
Has (27)_____ (28)_____ brought down
To the beginning of the century
But still, in (29)_____ vegetable, animal, and
mineral
I am the very model of a modern Major-General!
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Answer

1. fights
2. simple
3. binomial
4. very
5. modern
6. floor
7. Dows
8. know
9. which
10. washing
11. tell
12. detail
13. meant
14. made
15. modern
16. know
17. than
18. novice
19. smattering
20. plucky
21. only
22. modern
23. Mauser
24. been
25. than
26. smattering
27. only
28. been
29. matters