



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 (1)_____ 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, (3)_____ 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

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I'm very good at integral and
(4)_____ calculus
I know the scientific names of beings animalculous
In short, in matters vegetable, animal, and mineral
I am the (5)_____ model of a modern Major-General

...

I know our (6)_____ history
King Arthur's and Sir Caradoc's
I answer (7)_____ acrostics, I've a pretty (8)_____
for paradox
I quote in elegiacs all the (9)_____ 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 whistle all the airs
From that (10)_____ (11)_____
Pinafore

...

Then I can write a washing bill in Babylonian 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 (12)_____ what is meant 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 (13)_____ made in modern gunnery
When I know (14)_____ of (15)_____ than a
novice in a nunnery
In short, when I've a (16)_____ of
elemental strategy
(Oh, that's a (17)_____ one, strategy... Got it!)
You'll say a better Major-General has never sat a-gee
...
For my (18)_____ knowledge
Though I'm plucky and adventury
Has (19)_____ been brought down
To the beginning of the century
But still, in matters vegetable, animal, and mineral
I am the (20)_____ model of a (21)_____
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 (22)_____ 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 (23)_____ a novice in a
nunnery
In short, when I've a smattering of elemental strategy
You'll say a better Major-General has (24)_____ rode
a horse!
...
For my military knowledge
Though I'm (25)_____ and adventury
Has only been brought down
To the (26)_____ of the century
But still, in matters vegetable, animal, and mineral
I am the very model of a (27)_____ Major-General!
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Answer

1. kings
2. well
3. both
4. differential
5. very
6. mythic
7. hard
8. taste
9. crimes
10. infernal
11. nonsense
12. know
13. been
14. more
15. tactics
16. smattering
17. hard
18. military
19. only
20. very
21. modern
22. such
23. than
24. never
25. plucky
26. beginning
27. modern