



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 (1)_____ the kings of England
And I quote the fights historical
From Marathon to Waterloo, in order categorical
I'm very well acquainted, too, (2)_____ matters
mathematical
I (3)_____ equations, (4)_____ 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 (5)_____ at integral and
(6)_____ calculus
I (7)_____ the scientific names of (8)_____
animalculous
In short, in matters vegetable, animal, and mineral
I am the very model of a modern Major-General

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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 floor peculiarities parabolous
I can tell undoubted
Raphaels (9)_____ (10)_____ 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 (11)_____ nonsense Pinafore

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Then I can (12)_____ a washing bill in Babylonian
cuneiform
And tell you (13)_____ 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 (14)_____ (15)_____ is meant by
"mamelon" and "ravelin"



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When I can (16)_____ at sight a Mauser rifle from a javelin

When (17)_____ affairs as sorties

And surprises I'm more wary at

And when I (18)_____ precisely

What is meant by "commissariat"

When I have learnt

What progress has been made in modern gunnery

When I know (19)_____ of tactics than a novice in a nunnery

In short, when I've a (20)_____ of elemental strategy

(Oh, that's a hard one, strategy... Got it!)

You'll say a better Major-General has never sat a-gee

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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 (21)_____ model of a modern Major-General

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(One more time?!)

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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 (23)_____ at

And (24)_____ 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 (25)_____ in a nunnery

In short, (26)_____ I've a smattering of (27)_____ strategy

You'll say a better Major-General has never (28)_____ a horse!

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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 very model of a modern Major-General!

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Answer

1. know
2. with
3. understand
4. both
5. good
6. differential
7. know
8. beings
9. from
10. Gerard
11. infernal
12. write
13. every
14. know
15. what
16. tell
17. such
18. know
19. more
20. smattering
21. very
22. such
23. wary
24. when
25. novice
26. when
27. elemental
28. rode