

## **Gilbert And Sullivan "Major General"**

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GENERAL:

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 fights  
historical  
From Marathon to Waterloo, in order categorical;  
I'm very 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,  
With many cheerful facts about the square of the  
hypotenuse.

ALL:

With many cheerful facts about the square of the  
hypotenuse.  
With many cheerful facts about the square of the  
hypotenuse.  
With many cheerful facts about the square of the  
hypotepotenuse.

GENERAL:

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 very model of a modern Major-General.

ALL:

In short, in matters vegetable, animal, and mineral,  
He is the very model of a modern Major-General.

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 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,  
And whistle all the airs from that infernal nonsense  
Pinafore.

ALL:  
And whistle all the airs from that infernal nonsense  
Pinafore.  
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Pinafore.  
And whistle all the airs from that infernal nonsense  
Pinafore.

GENERAL:  
Then I can write a washing bill in Babylonian cuneiform,  
And tell you ev'ry detail of Caractacus's uniform:  
In short, in matters vegetable, animal, and mineral,  
I am the very model of a modern Major-General.

ALL:  
In short, in matters vegetable, animal, and mineral,  
He is the very model of a modern Major-General.

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 novice in a nunnery-  
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In short, when I've a smattering of elemental strategy,  
You'll say a better Major-General has never sat a gee.

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

GENERAL:  
For my military knowledge, though I'm plucky and  
adventurous,  
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.

ALL:

But still, in matters vegetable, animal, and mineral,  
He is the very model of a modern Major-General.

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