

Essentials of Victorian Etiquette

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Etiquette on the Street

- * Ladies and gentlemen always pass to the right
- * Gentlemen always walk on the outside
- * A lady always walks at a graceful gait
- * A gentleman should always assist a lady from a carriage, without formal introduction

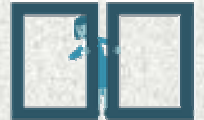


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- * A lady may take a gentleman's arm
 - * Safety requires
 - * Elderly or infirm and requires assistance
 - * Husband and wife
- * A gentleman may walk between two ladies
- * A lady may NEVER walk between two

Etiquette on the Street



- * A lady should always have an escort in the evening
 - * Best from her own household to avoid gossip
- * Gentleman may bow lightly from the street when recognized by a lady in a



Etiquette on the Streets

- * A lady only uses her right hand to lift her skirt when it is necessary
 - * Never above the ankle
- * Never yell or hail anyone
- * Never convey the impression of intimacy
- * A gentleman removes his cigar or pipe in the presence of a lady
- * A gentleman never spits



Etiquette of Introductions



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- * Always apply titles
- * Gentleman to the lady
- * Younger to the older
- * Husband and wife refer to each other by last name
- * Never ever point at another person



Etiquette of Introductions

- * Gentlemen may shake hands
- * An unmarried lady never shakes hands
- * A married lady may use her discretion
- * A slight slow bow reflects more dignity
- * Kissing of the hand....

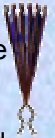


Etiquette at the Ball



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- * A lady should not enter or cross the hall unattended
- * A gentleman never takes a lady by the hand; always offer the arm
- * A lady never asks a gentleman to hold her bouquet, fan or gloves during the dance, unless he be her husband, escort or a relative



Etiquette at the Ball

- * A gentleman never encircles the waist of a lady until the dancing begins
 - * He should drop his arm immediately when the music stops
- * A gentleman never uses a bare hand to press the waist of a lady
 - * White gloves
 - * Handkerchief
- * Do not engage yourself for the last two dances; it may keep you too late



Etiquette at Tea



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- * The gentleman of the house always serves the cake if he's present
- * The lady of the house always pours and serves the tea
- * The tea is always served to the left
 - * Everything is passed to the left
- * The saucer always rises with the cup when drinking



Etiquette at Tea

- * The conversation will always be polite
- * Discussions are limited
 - * Weather
 - * Good things that have happened to others
 - * Up and coming events
- * Never gossip



Mourning Etiquette

- * A wife will wear all black and a veil to the funeral
 - * Best dress and veil
 - * Jewelry would be a hair brooch
 - * Small piece that was special
- * Mourning period is one year
 - * Six months (half mourning)
 - White collar and cuffs
- * No socializing
- * After one year first color purple



Mourning Etiquette

- * A husband will wear a black armband
- * Expected to remarry quickly
 - * Especially if there are children



Language of the Fan

Penny Adar



Final Exam On the street

- * A lady and gentleman always pass
 - * On the right
- * If you see a woman on the arm of a gentleman she's:
 - * Elderly
 - * Infirm
 - * In an unsafe area
 - * Engaged or married to him

Final Exam Introductions

- * When introducing always
 - * Gentleman to lady
 - * Younger to older
- * A gentleman may approach a lady without formal introduction to
 - * Help her from a carriage

Final Exam At the Ball

- * When dancing with a lady the gentleman should always have
 - * White gloves or handkerchief
- * A lady should be escorted
 - * Entering the ballroom
 - * Crossing the ballroom

Final Exam At tea

- * Always pass
 - * To the left
- * The discussion should be about
 - * Pleasant things
 - * Weather
 - * Upcoming events

Final Exam Mourning

- * The period of mourning is
 - * One year
- * The first color a widow can wear after one year
 - * Purple
- * What does a white collar and cuffs mean?
 - * Lady is in half mourning – six months

Etiquette

Thanks from Terry and Jan