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076 - Men's Victorian Dress Code - 09/17/2018



Welcome to topic number 76... Men's Victorian Dress Code... Thanks so much to AboutBritain.com for use of their summary text for this lesson...



Victorian gentlemen have a very full wardrobe to cover every social eventuality.



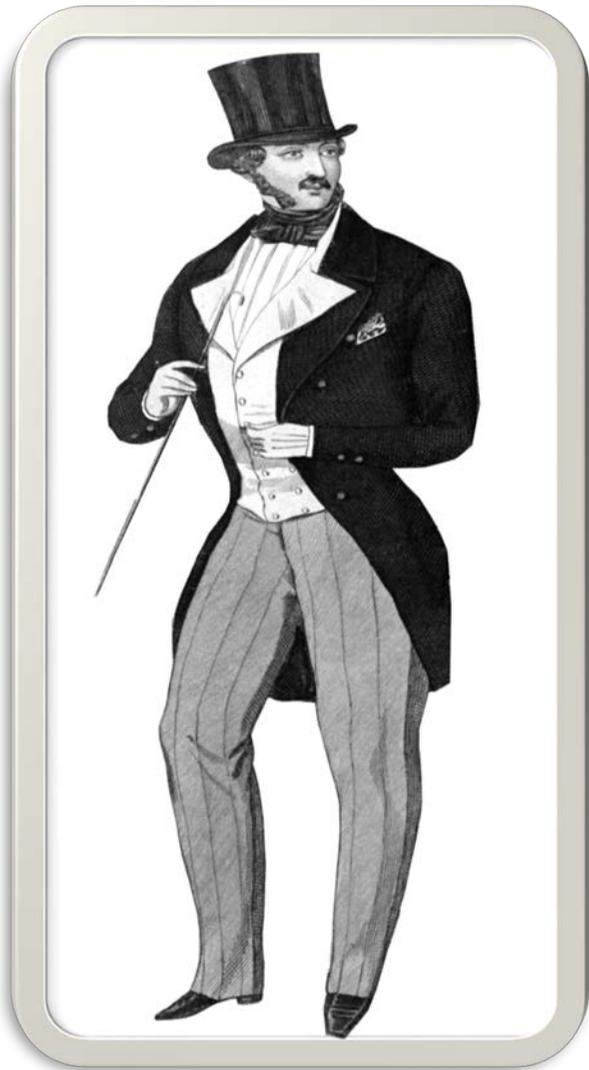
Men's fashion are always reported in full detail by Harper's Bazaar and fashionable young men follow the correct Victorian dress code most carefully.





Full dress in Victorian times require men to wear a black dress coat with a full collar and broad lapels which are turned down low.





Beneath the knee-length coat is a white vest, showing at the neck, and black pantaloon-style trousers which are generally made of doeskin.





Younger men wishing to wear something brighter than sombre black lead the Victorian dress fashion by wearing a blue coat, white vest and lavender pants with matching gloves.



For walking out, the walking dress is a shorter frock coat which is double-breasted.



Generally they are made of diagonally ribbed heavy coat fabric or a plain cloth in a suitably dark colour.

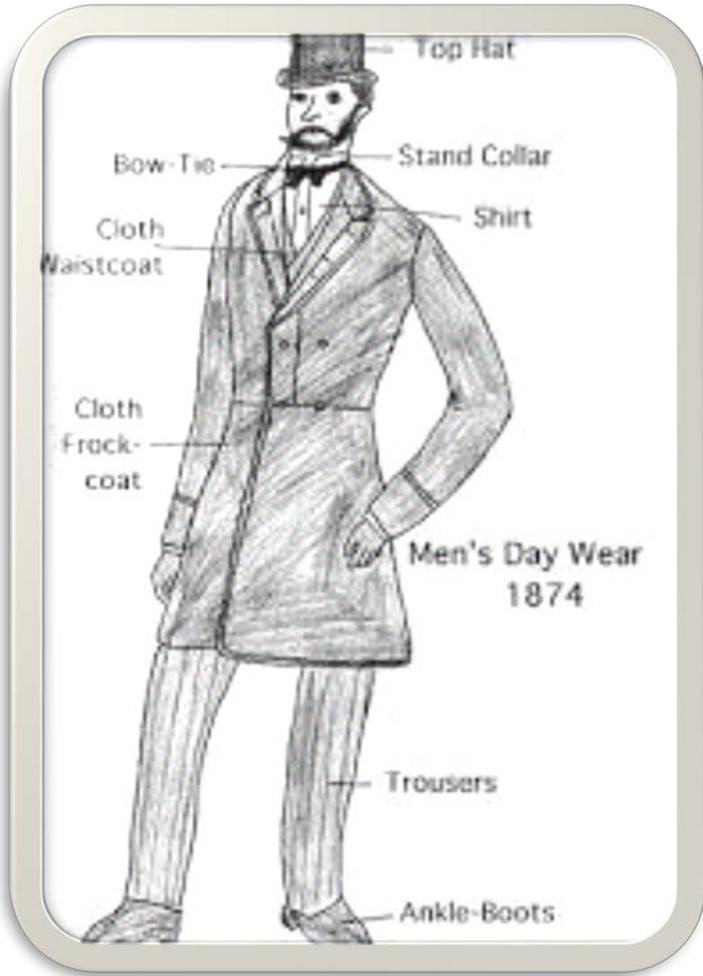


A matching undervest is worn with a broad collar rolled down to show above the front of the coat.



Trousers are in a dark colour with a side stripe in a toning shade, similar to dress trousers in the 21st century.



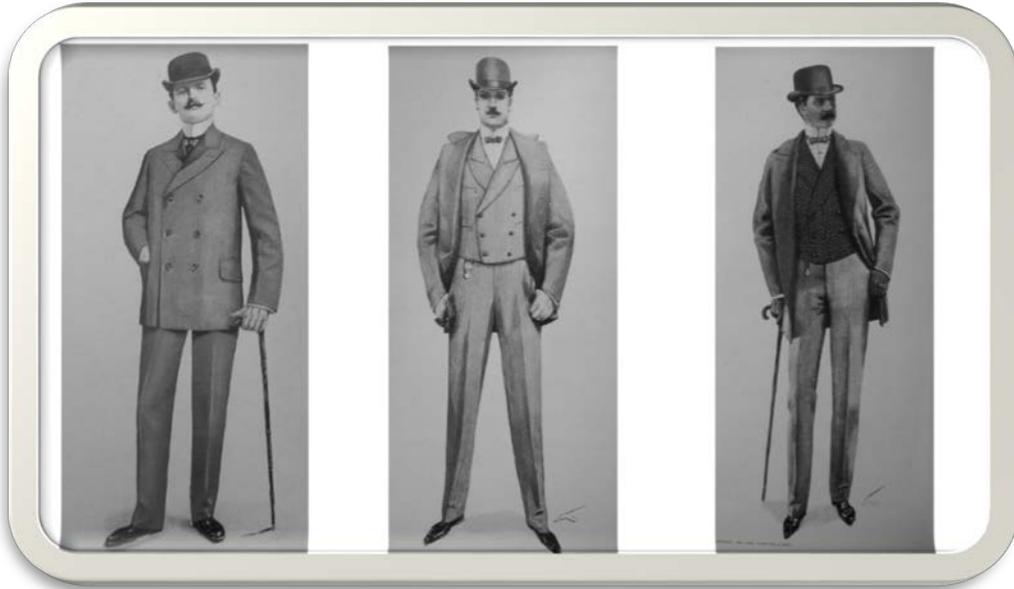


Alternatively, diagonally striped trousers in grey are worn.

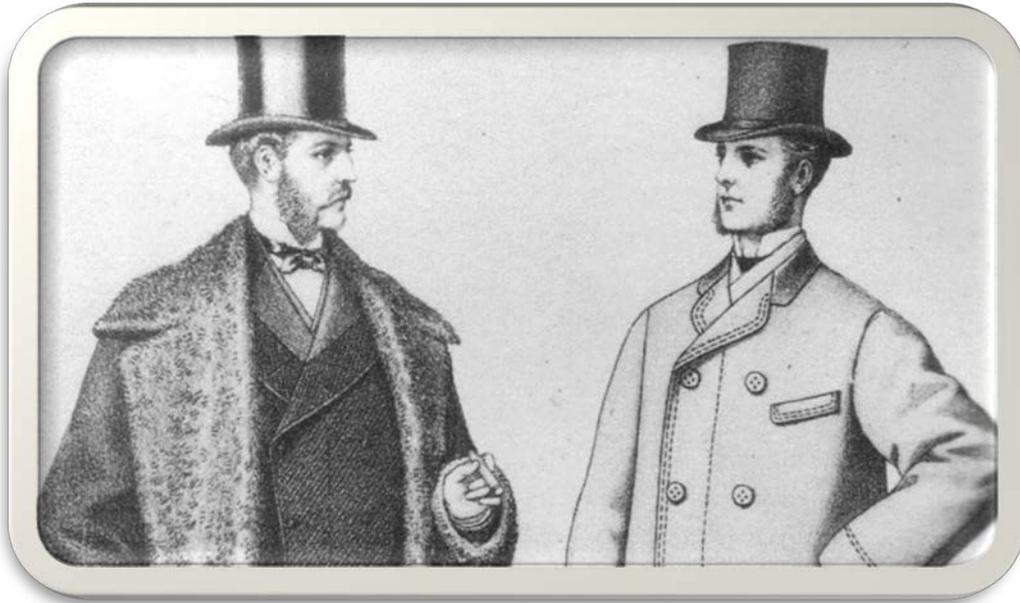


*These are close fitting on the leg
with a wider boot cut at the ankle.*

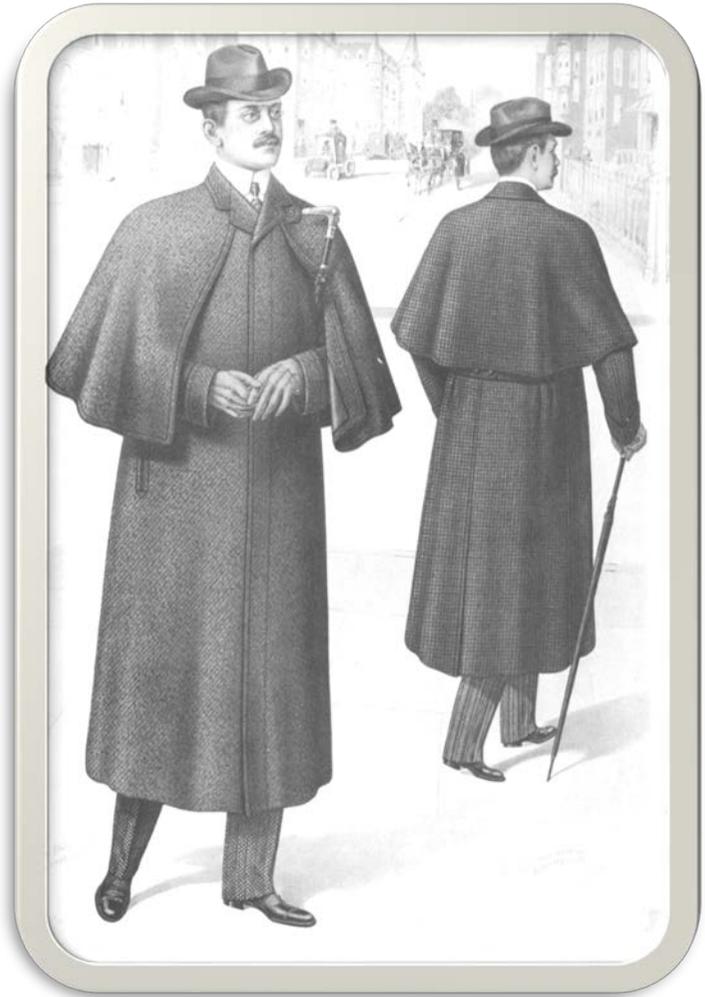
*Black cloth walking dress is
considered appropriate for visiting.*



*In the autumn, an overcoat
is an important part of
Victorian dress for men.*



*A loose-fitting coat
is worn in a tan or
nondescript colour.*



*It has a dark lining
which turned out in a roll
to show as a contrast at
the front of the coat.*

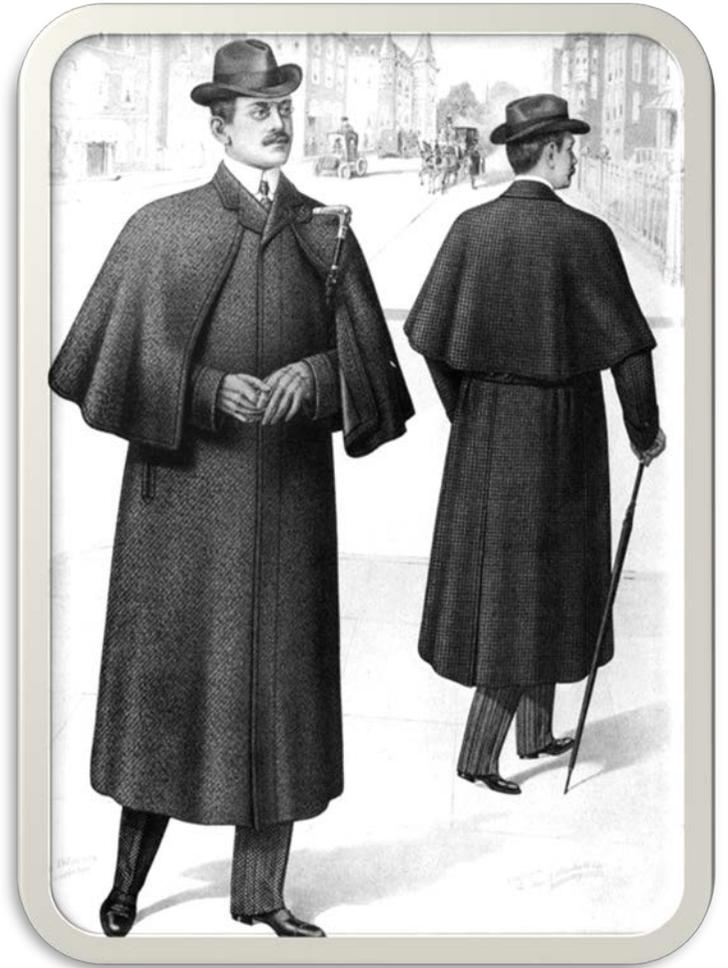


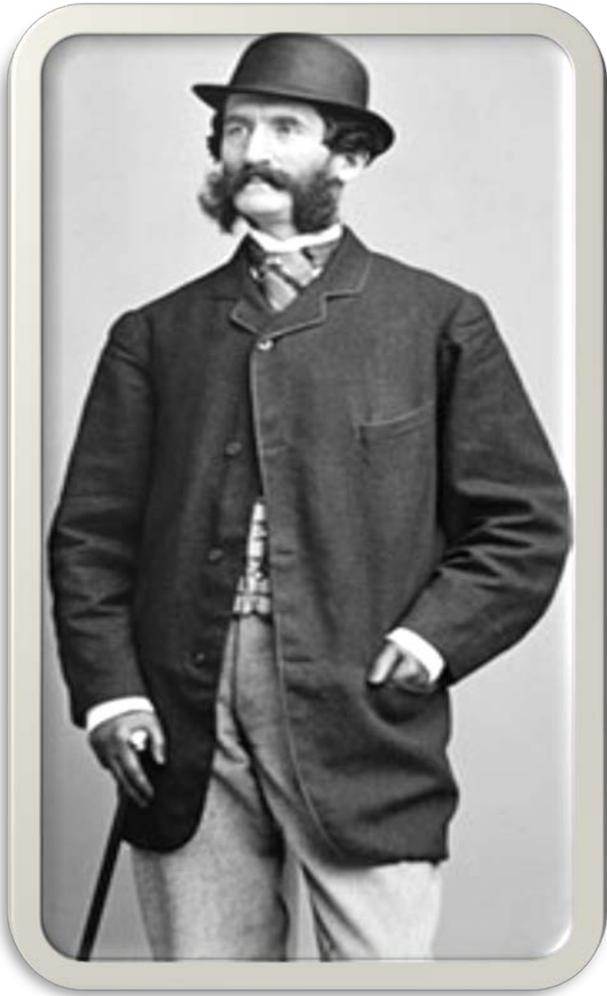
For winter attire, a surtout is worn.

*It is longer than an overcoat and
made of Elysian beaver.*



This warm cloth has a rough surface but is soft inside and is dyed brown, blue or deep claret.





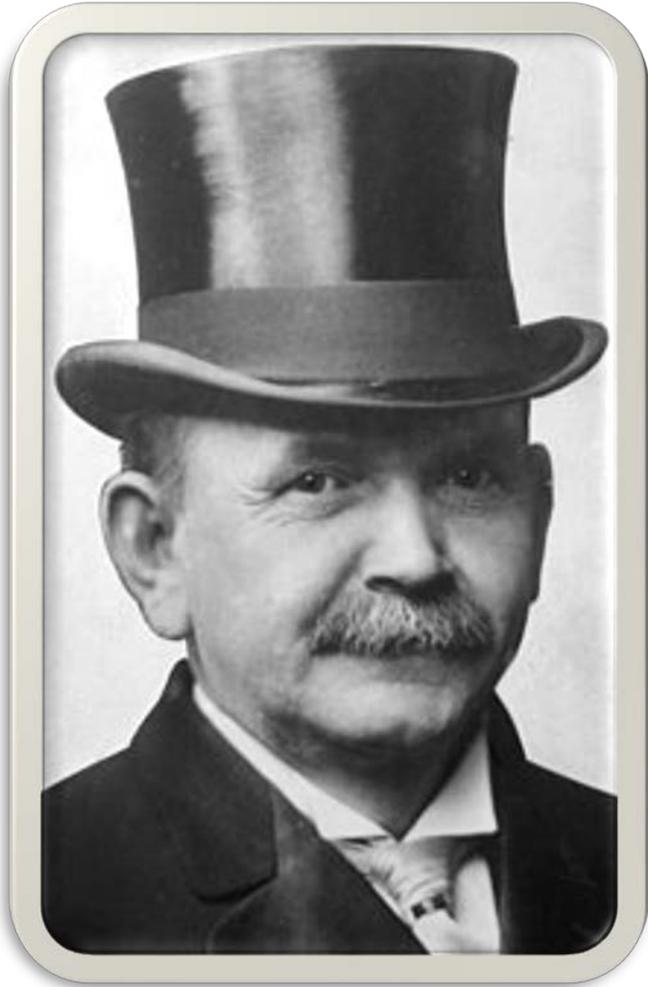
*Victorian gentlemen are
as keen on wearing
hats as women.*





The silk top hat has a slightly bell-shaped crown and a two-inch brim all around which is curved upwards at either side.





*Cashmere is used to line
the brim.*

*For full dress, glossy
silk beavers is worn.*



*For travelling or theatre visits,
Victorian dress require gentlemen
to wear pocket hats, made of
felt, ribbed silk or Scottish
woven cloth to match the suit.*



Handkerchiefs to match the wearer's outfit and brown or maroon leather gloves complete the Victorian dress code.



Glove powder is used to ease the wearing of new doeskin gloves.



*Footwear for
Victorian gentlemen
is just as correct.*



*Street wear require high buttoned
or laced shoes which have strong
soles and low, wide heels.*



For evening, calf-skin gaiters are worn on the lower leg.

They have elasticated sides.

Boots with light soles complete the full dress.



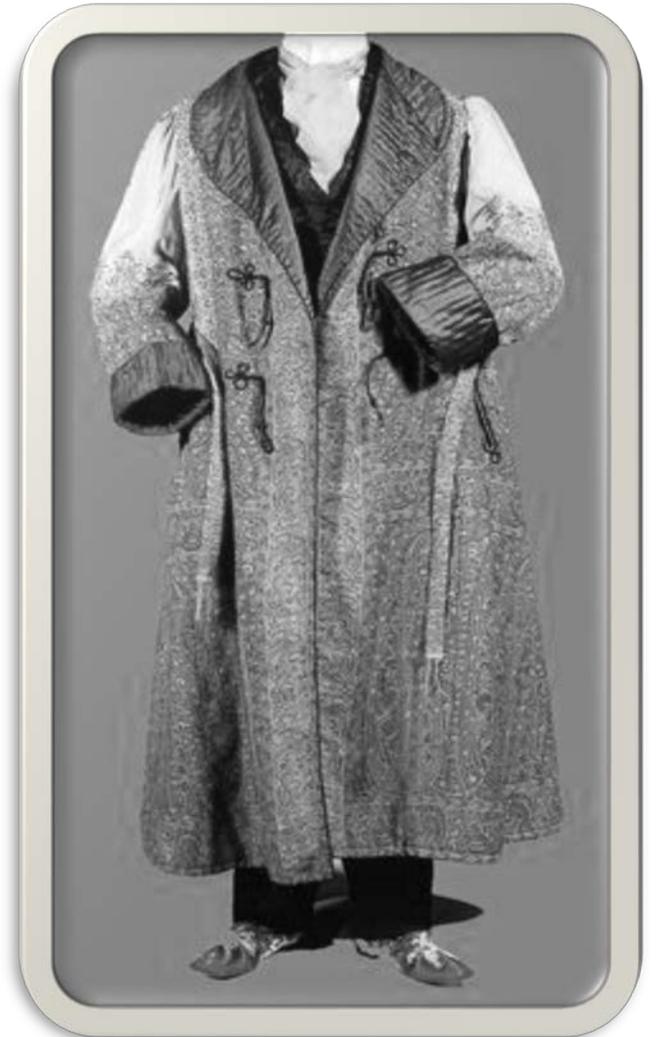
*Relaxed evenings at home
require billiard or smoking
jackets made of grey cloth.*



*They are trimmed to
match the bright
flannel lining.*



Dressing gowns are made of dark coloured wool serge cloth and trimmed with diamond-stitched green or gold silk on the lapels.



A tasseled silk cord is tied at the waist.



*Again, thanks to
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So we have completed topic 76 in
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*Yes, but we'll be back
with another topic
soon...*



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