

Victorian Children's Etiquette

Victorian parents may have aimed at instilling 'unquestioning obedience' into their children but generally speaking they preferred to use gentle measures. However they were not adverse administering a beating when they felt it necessary.

Here are a few tips:-

Never talk back to older people, especially your Father and Mother

Never whine or frown when spoken to by adults.

Never argue with adults—they know best.

Never do anything that is forbidden by adults.

Do as you are told in a pleasant and willing way.

Never contradict anyone in any way, it is very impolite.

Always rise into a standing position when visitors arrive.

Never start a conversation with a visitor until they have started to speak.

Never interrupt a conversation.

Never run up and down the stairs or across the room.

Children should be clean and well-groomed at all times.

