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Victorian England Notes

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Victorian England; Good society notes

* Entertainment
  + Excuses for connecting with people in the same social class as one’s self.
* The Pleasures of Good Society
  + Pleasures were enjoyed by few, and came with strict social etiquette.
* Presentation at a Cour
  + Presented to the queen twice, once before she started choosing from bachelors, and once after she had chosen.
* Country House Visiting
  + Another social activity with strict social mannerisms, and respect to servants.
* Dinner Service
  + Strict etiquette with plenty to eat, and much alcohol consumption.
* Country Balls
  + use of **social advancement**; Separation by socio-economic classes, money was important to get into a certain dance, but inside that dance social class mattered.

Victorian England; Laboring Class notes

* Laboring Class
  + Low wages
  + Generally Unhappy
* The lower half
  + worked most of the day
  + Slept little
  + Owned no real estate, and little to no property
  + Dispensable
* Work Conditions
  + Short Term Dangers
    - Getting cut by machinery
    - Falling into a machine
  + Long Term Dangers
    - Lung Cancer, coal is highly poisonous
    - Ear Damage: Sound
    - Heart Attack from machinery
* Specific types of work notes
  + Chimney Sweeper- Deformity

Prison notes

* Prisons:
  + Usef for lockup of the insane
  + Tightly packed
  + Charge to be there, even in debtors prison...
* The Hulks and Transportation
  + Prisoners were transported to america and India until the revolution
  + Australia, but they refused after a while
  + Government takes control over more prisons.

Victorian England: Fragments of an Autobiography notes

* Had many hard experiences as a boy
  + Cover the pots of paste, for the shoes
    - Very Tedious tasks
    - Made him feel emotionally unstable
  + Father went from being a naval officer to being broke, large drop in social class
    - his father being a naval officer made him very ill-suited to express his feelings
  + Made his own clothes
    - Very Self reliant
    - created the feeling that no one cared for him.
* His hard experiences in boyhood created a general distrust of the world.
  + Partially stems from lack of expression, didn’t express his feelings in a classical way (by telling someone) until years later, they were dealt with through his books
* Reading got him through his hard times of work
* Reading also inspired his career in journalism, and eventually as an author