How did Queen Victoria reconcile协调一致/和解 her libidinous好色的 nature with the puritanical清教徒式的 condemnation condemn谴责 of the Victorian era? Reconcile my life with my work

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1. Queen Victoria from what we learn had a normal, healthy enjoyment享受 of sex like most women. “Libidinous Nature” sounds like a euphemism委婉语 for the offensive冒犯的 term词汇 nymphomaniac女色情狂. 委婉语Nymp- 仙女；幼虫 -Maniac 疯子，狂人
2. The concept of the ridiculous可笑的 uptight Victorian prude has been massively over played夸大. When Victoria came to the throne as an 18 year old girl, she was wise enough to realise how the land lay. Much of Europe had **been in** **turmoil动乱** with revolutions only a few years earlier. Ordinary people were sick and tired of厌烦 the outrageously非常/不同寻常的 extravagant奢侈的 and profligate挥霍的 lifestyle of the aristocracy贵族. This was equally true in Britain where the Kings preceding Victoria’s reign were William IV and the notorious臭名昭著 George IV. It wouldn’t have taken much for public hatred憎恨 of the aristocracy to boil失去理智 over into revolution. 易怒的；极端保守的 过分正经的人 Overplay=exaggerate 夸大 感情爆发 boil over into
3. Victoria was intelligent enough to see that the only way to preserve the institution of monarchy in England was to make the monarchy君主政体 appear to be more like the moderate温和的, high principled, middle classes who were beginning to make their mark in the political world. Of course it was largely just that – appearance外表. However Victoria and Prince Albert did begin to change the view of what was acceptable public behaviour among the upper classes. 君主政体
4. The idea of the stupidly愚蠢 prudish过分正经 Victorians was largely created by writers in the 1920s. Young people who, like young people of every generation, regarded视为 the world of their grandparents **with contempt轻视**. They took the very worst examples of Victorian hypocrisy虚伪 – trebled三倍 them- then generalised概括 that parody恶搞 into their picture of everyday Victorian life. You see a similar thing now when many young people damn谴责 the Baby Boomers for causing every bad thing in the world. 恶搞 二战后生育高峰期出生的人，战后婴儿潮
5. Ironically one of the craziest myths神话/谎言 of English Victorian prudishness性严肃, which uneducated people still perpetuate持续存在, is the idea of covering覆盖 up piano legs, because they were considered “too erotic色情的”. This actually came from a joke made by an English Victorian writer about something he saw in an AMERICAN girls’ school. The other popular myth is that Victorian’s considered the word “trousers裤子” too rude and called them “the southern necessity必要品”- this actually was a term used in a novel by 19thc writer of glutinously黏糊糊 purple紫色/华丽的 prose散文, called Amanda McKittrick Ross.- no-one else ever used this ridiculous expression.

Glutinous rice 糯米

1. things you (probably) didn’t know about Queen Victoria

One of history's most iconic偶像的 monarchs君主, Queen Victoria (1819-1901) ruled for more than 60 years. She was empress of the world's largest ever empire, and her name denotes视标志 an entire era of British history. Here, we bring you seven things you might not know about her

She was only 18 when she became queen

“I went into my sitting room (only in my dressing gown晨衣) alone and saw them. Lord Conyngham then acquainted使了解 me that my poor uncle, the King, was no more不在了, and had expired到期了/死亡 at twelve minutes past two this morning and consequently结果是 that I was Queen.” 晨衣 使得某人了解某事 acquaint sb. With sth

This is how Victoria recalled the moment that would change her life forever. At 6am on 20 June 1837, the young princess was woken from her bed to be informed that her uncle, King William IV, had died during the night. This meant that意味着 Victoria, who was only 18 at the time, was now queen of England.

Although it came as a shock, Victoria took the news extremely stoically坦然的，淡定的. Despite her young age she remained calm and had no need for the smelling salts her governess家庭女教师 had prepared for her. In her first meeting with her privy已经知情 council just a few hours later, Victoria’s new ministers towered塔 over高出 her – at just 4ft 11, she had to be seated on a raised platform in order to be seen. What Victoria lacked in height, however, she made up for in determination决心, and she quickly made a favourable好的 impression印象. Wake -woke-woken 唤醒 inform sb. Of sth. 告知 坦然的，淡定的