



**1860's formal dresses** could be worn in afternoon or evening; for evening do not usually wear a hat but a small one would be OK (left photo) as would a flower, feather or other type of hairpiece (right photo); hair snood would also be acceptable; accessories could include a reticule (small purse) or a fan; gloves are a must; jewelry could include a brooch, earrings (pierced), bracelet or necklace



**1870s – 1880s formal bustle dress** (left) which could be worn afternoon or evening; shorter sleeves (right) would also be acceptable. For evening, hair should be worn up and decorated with feathers, flowers, or decorative hairclips, or a small hat. Accessories could include a small reticule or fan. Parasols would not be used in the evening. Gloves are a must! Jewelry would be the same as for the 1860s, but no wrist watches (Victorians had none).



**Mid-1890's formal dress** with leg o'mutton sleeves; hairstyles, accessories, and jewelry the same as for the other Victorian formal dresses.