## The Old, Old Stories

PROBABLY few living to-day remember actually writing out the old copy-book maxim, "Civility pays and costs nothing," but most will have heard it quoted at some time or ano- involved in a series of fines when for ther, most likely at then by one of the old brigade. In Austria to-day, it seems that the opposite obtains in one sense of the word, for citizens and visitors alike are heavily fined for infringement of the numerous by-laws, one of which counts as an offence, "wounding an official's honour."

An American tourist, who was guilty of calling a tram-car conductor a "born idiot" was fined 10/- on the spot, and, protesting, was hailed before the formee councillor. In his indignation, he so far forgot himself as to apostrophise that dignity as a "robber captain," for which indulgence he paid twenty-six sillings.

and called upon to pay for "on the"

place.

Walking on the grass, Throwing papers about, Breading a tramcar in motion, Driving on the wrong side of the

Driving too fast,

Leaving a horse and cart standing, Affixing a poster to an unrented wall, Playing a piano too loudly,

Letting a loud-speaker shout.

It is not impossible to find oneself instance fined for crossing the road in the wrong place, a receipt is duly given. which one throws down in disgust, is again fined, and more than likely becomes guilty of "wounding an official's honour."

An old woman who boarded a tram after the gate was shut, was left clinging to the side, shricking for help, until the next stop, where the conductor cried to the nearest policeman, "Arrest this fool." In spite of the fact that the "fool" had by that time fainted, she was carried to the nearest police station and duly fined.

When travelling by rail you are thus adjured: Do not crush, but select Other offences for which one is fined, a carriage with the dignity and polite-

ness of a cavalier.

All of which reminds us of the late Crossing the street in the wrong Jerome K. Jerome's experience in prewar Germany. When found seated in a railway carriage without a separate ticket entitling him to a seat, he was fined and ejected into the corridor, where he was again fined for "standing in the corridor," which was "ver-

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