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“At Wandsworth, William Evans, a labourer, living in a van at Battersea-park-road, was charged with assaulting James Linnett Woolgar, aged 11 years, the son of a gipsy, by striking him on the head with a brick, fracturing his skull. Inspector Dennis informed the magistrate that the boy was in a dangerous condition, his life being despaired of. Police-constable Downey, 219 V, said he was called to a gipsy van on Wednesday evening, and saw the boy with a large wound on the back of his head. He conveyed him to St. Thomas’s Hospital, where he was now an inmate. Prisoner admitted throwing a stone, but said he meant it for his sister. Mr. Montagu Williams remanded the prisoner, refusing to accept bail.”