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TOSSING IN THE BLANKET An elderly widow named Elizabeth King, living in St Clement Street, charged Sarah Dovey, William Price, Eleanor Smith and Maria Wayband of the same neighbourhood with tossing her in a blanket on Tuesday the 24th ult. There were three other parties summoned, who did not appear. It was very evident that the ire of the inhabitants of the above locality had been raised by reason of complainant ill using her daughter-in-law, for which, and other things, they had resolved to “serve her out”, and accordingly, on the above day, as she was going up St Clement Street, she was followed by a “concourse of persons”, and Sarah Dovey commenced the affray by shaking her fist in complainant's face, and upon that another crowd came up from the other end of the street, when Price pushed some boys against her, and she was pelted with apples and potatoes. To escape these she ran into a house near the Apple Tree, from whence, in consequence of the uproar without, she was obliged to make her exit, and she was then pushed by the crowd into a counterpane, which had been spread on the ground for her reception, upon which the defendants and others tossed her several times, allowing her to alight each time upon a brick, which had been placed on the ground for that purpose. The assault being proved, the defendants were fined 12s and 6s 6d expenses each, or fourteen days' imprisonment : allowed a fortnight to pay.