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WILD PONIES OF THE WEST - - "Roamers of  
the Moors" end their days of freedom with annual  
round-up for Bampton Fair.

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Picture. :- This is an important day in the year--

--of the old Devon Town of Bampton. The Exmoor wild  
ponies are to be sold by auction. They have been  
driven down twelve hundred or more feet from the  
high moorlands where they roam as free as--

--the wild deer whose habitat they share.

After having had such liberty they are now  
probably wilder--

--than ever at being penned up like this. The  
ponies are branded the--

--same as the brood mare they follow, and who  
ever owns her, owns her--

--family. This year some of the animals fetch as--

--little as ten shillings each. A poor exchange for  
the freedom they have--

--left behind, unless a good home is thrown in with  
the price.