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Coppicing woodland for charcoal production.

Now although what we can see now is mainly oak woodland, ancient oak woodland, this woodland has been much adapted and exploited by man, particularly for the metal industries of Dartmoor; the woodland, probably for several hundred years was felled regularly to provide timber for making charcoal, and for making charcoal, and for making charcoal, generally, they didn't want great big trees, they only wanted trees up to three or four inches in diameter, so the woods were cut down about every 25 years, so it wouldn't have been very much like the woodland we see today, which has far more mature trees in it.