



South American Forest.

7. The forests of many parts of South America exhibit a luxuriance and diversity of aspect different from those of most other parts of the world. They are enlivened by a great variety of birds of singular forms and superb plumage, which flutter through the branches; and troops of monkeys and squirrels, that leap from bough to bough; while the occasional appearance of the alligator, with numerous serpents and lizards, presents a singular and varied scene.



Lama.



Tapir.

8. Among the most remarkable animals of this continent, are the jaguar, puma, and ocelot, the lama or South American camel, the tapir, peccary, sloth, ant-eater, armadillo, and chinchilla. The horse, ox, ass, and hog, were all strangers to the New World, and were brought from Europe by the first settlers: they have increased prodigiously, and have in some instances regained their original wild state.

9. The birds are numerous and of various kinds; the largest are the rhea or American ostrich, and the condor or vulture of the Andes, which is the largest bird of flight known. There are also toucans,

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