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The Hama family in prehistoric times had a much wider range than at present, their fossil remains being found from the republic of Colombia northward to Central America and even as far north as central Colorado. The llama and alpaca are demesticated, the guanaco and vicuna are still in the wild state, and this is one of the instances where domesticated animals range co-existent with their wild con geners. Of the four kinds the guans co is the most numerous, and is found in bands of 5 to 500, and while confined to the high table lands elsewhere, in Patagonia their range is over the plains and lower lands as well,

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