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and cattle, and overrun by numberless wild rodents, the original tenants of the
Pampas. During the long period of
drought which are so great a scourge to the country, these animals are starved to live every vestige of vegetation. In
one of theso sicoos, at the time of my
visit and sheep and horses perishod from
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ble thistles, grasses, and olover, are a little herbaceoous oxalis, producing vivip-
arous buds of extraordinary vitality, a low poisonous species, such as the
hemolock, and adew tough, thorny, dwarf accacias and wiry rushes, which even a
starving rat refuses. Although the cattle are a modern introduction, the number-
less indigenous rodents must always
have effectually prevented the introduction of any other species of plants,
large tracts are still honeycombed by the ubiquitous biscacho, a gigantic
rabbit, and numerous other rodenta still oxist, including rata nud mice
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