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#### THE SAIGA.

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THERE is a species of goat found in Hungary, Poland, Tartary, and in South Siberia, which the Russians call *Saigak*, or *Saiga* ; it bears a resemblance to the domestic goat in the shape of its body and its hair ; but by the form of the horns, and the want of a beard, it approaches nearer to the antelopes, and, in fact, appears to be the shade between those two animals ; for the horns of the saiga are in every respect like those of the antelope ; they have the same form, transverse rings, longitudinal streaks, &c. and they differ only by the colour. The horns of the antelopes are black and opaque ; those of the saiga, on the contrary, are whitish and transparent. Gesner has mentioned this animal under the name of *colus*, and Gmelin under that of *saiga*. The horns which are in the royal cabinet, were  
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