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can become effective in transporting the ^{food} ^{beyond} to the throat. This procedure is suggestive of the bird throwing the food back into mouth but the thing that appears to me is that the food remains momentarily stationary while ^{it is} the head and bill that moves forward, thereby placing food back farther in bill. It will eat continually from the ground without raising its head with the food running counter to the laws of gravity. In drinking water the bill is held from a nearly horizontal position to a nearly vertical position. The tendency is however to bring the bill to a horizontal plane when drinking. It normally sucks up water for 2 or three seconds and then quickly raises head & neck so that water might run back into the throat or at least to where the tongue can help to move it on. As far ^{as} I could tell the water does not pass beyond mouth while actually drinking. When head is raised a considerable portion of water runs off bill and down side of neck feathers. Water is kept below the distal border of the nostril at least not beyond and covering nostrils. The drinking process is repeated several times. Its manner of resting other than the standing position is to gently drop back on to its heels with feet directed forward in a parallel manner. No part of the body touches the ground ⁱⁿ at this position. It generally remains such for a few minutes before dropping body down to the surface of the ground. Frequently when standing in this crouched appearing manner will walk or better crawl forward for several feet as it pokes its bill here and there in the debris. This position is logically the normal position as the bird is standing now upon the entire foot rather than the toes. Its normal resting position is with ^{feet} body and good portion of lower neck resting upon the ground. When resting frequently picks up assorted debris about this surface in reach. Have not as yet observed the bird to rest entire neck upon the ground, on back or in feathers of wing. An examination of the few floors reveals the presence of numerous holes and partial excavations as if an attempt had been made to get food which normally is found and grows beneath the surface of the ground. My suspicion would be that the normal food is in the form of a root, a bulb, a bivalve, or some other form of life that dwells beneath the surface of the ground or shallow marsh floor. Its attempts are so