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second summer.

Every thing eatable serves as food for the bears. In the spring grass, roots and herbs are taken in quantity. This is varied with many a meal of ground squirrels which they dig out of their burrows with much pleasure. The digging is varied with many snuffs at the hole and the bears in doing this resemble a dog digging out mice.

As soon as the salmon begin to ascend the stream for spawning fish becomes almost the entire diet. Sometimes they fish in shallow water, chasing the salmon with a great amount of splashing. Other times the mother bear will go in to her own pits. Here she stands very quiet with her arms at her sides. When a fish comes near it is killed with a powerful blow on the head. When she moves it is with great deliberation.

When fishing well worn trails are made along the banks of the small streams used for spawning and also along the lake margins. Cozy lairs are made back in the willows.

In the fall the bears fatten on berries.