## Many sections of the State are passing through the most severe passing through the most severe enced at this season of the year. Many of us, as we review the farm operations of the past three months, see where we have made costly mistakes. We also see farm operations ore we pave made months, see where we wave alse see costly mistakes. We ane where we hit the "bull's-eye," so to speak, and scored a success. We have illustrations and demonstrations, or opportunities for observing on the farms of others, the causes of these successes and mistakes. We should make care- full note of these and they will <br> years to come. It would be a day well spent to take a day off at this season and drive over the country and observe the crops on the different fields and farms along the way, make inquiry, as to date and method of cultiva- tion, aud previous crops grown. tion, aud previous crops grown, noting carefully the physical and mechanical condition of each field. In this way we can get interesting matter for discassion at Union meetings, Alliance neetings, Farmers', Clubs, pic nics and social gatherings. It is thus that we can learn and teach thus that we can learn and teach some most valuable lessons in soil and crop marafement, and thereby make our mistakes con-

cibutary to our future success.
But the past, with all that it diate future engages; our attenical penod is just before us, and
we should try to avoid making further mistakes. In the begin-
ning of the season our minds and ly with the problem of proper
fertilization, in most instances, methods of preparation and planting received secondary consider-
ation, Many of us die not reckon with the problem of moisture, it would be forthcoming,
herein we find the cause of son
of cur most costly mistakes. Moisture is the most important
factor in the production of crops, and methods by which water may
be stored in the subsoil and con-
served for future use by the croos should receive our most carepiul
consideration early in the seagon. consideration early in the season.
The planting season in many sections cpened with less water
in the subsoil than ever before, and the rainfall in most places
since April 1 st is below the average for this period by several
inches. As a result, the soil is unusually dry, and the soil water
unusually low for this seasou of
the year. And, as already stated the year. And, as already stated,
we are just entering the criticai
period in the growth of the crop

- the stage of growth at which
most moisture is required to bring most moisture is required to oring
to good fruitage and maturity.
With a normal rainfall the With a normal rainfall the re-
mainder of the growing season it
will require our utmost skill to
produce a fair crop in many secprocuce a fair crop in many sec-
tions. We will have to conserve
every particle of moisture possi-
ble, and herein we need to be reble, and herein we need to be re-
sourceful, and perform the work
in the most efficient manner. The
only thing to do is to cultivate. only thing to do is to cultivate.
Cultivate shallow, cultivate fre-
quently. Avoil open furrows quently. Avoil open furrows.
The man who takes a shovel plow,
or solid sweep and opens a diteh on each side of the row,
as some are now doing, is guilt
of murder- the destruction of
plant life. Heelscrapes, cotton
sweeps, harrows and cultivators,
set to run shallow, not over one set to run shallow, not over one
or two inches deep, are good im-
plements to use in making a dust
mulch. Lay aside the Dixie and
shovel plow and thereby save the
crop. Make all possible haste to crop. Make all possible haste to der present conditions it is im-
perative that we do this; if we
do not, and a crust is allowed to
for form and remain for a few days
the soil actully becomes dry er
than if no rain had fallen, and than ir no suffers most severely.
the crop should keep the cultivation
We shen if going even if no rain falls to
form a crust. In some instances it may be better to run a drag or
a light roller constructed for the purpose to break the crust or
compact the soil where too open and loose. Go over the crop ev-
ery week or ten to lie too long, injury will be don It behcoves us as farmers to
study the situation, to stand by star crops, seek advice from each
other and try not to let our crops suffer through any mistake o
ours.
There is another thing that should not escape our attention-


## hay. Many farmers are now paying $\$ 30$ to $\$ 35$ cash per ton,

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