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common for ducks to have, - darting ^{about} for insects, making themselves happy with the chickens, like one family. ~

We have had rain in season, flowers blooming, and a prospect for fruit, which is desirable, although abundance is brought from other places, even through the winter. Melons, apples, peaches, &c. - so much can't fruit, find a market in Waynesville. ~ I was sorry to hear of Francis White's sickness, and hope he is well before this time - And also of John Janney's serious illness. He is a young man to have paralysis - there must be some other trouble to occasion it. ~ Dear cousin Margaret, I take thy picture, and it looks so natural, it seems almost as if it ought to speak to me - What a privilege to have such! although but shadows of our dear ones, it is a precious art that can bring them so distinctly before us.

Which of our Henry Janney's sons has bought, and moved near you? Joseph, or the Doctor? The last mentioned - probably.