

**George Oscar French (1844-1865) Family Papers**  
**Letter to G. O. French, 1865**  
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[Uncle John Farwell, the bootmaker, was Oscar's mother's brother-in-law. This letter may have been the last letter that Oscar received.]

Hampton [New York]            March 7<sup>th</sup> 1865

Lieut G.O. French            Dear Sir

Many thanks for your kind letter of Jan. 29 which was recd Feby. 5 Also a daly Examiner a confederate sheet dated Feby 25-1865

March 24

Fon [John's son, Fonrose] was pleased with the reb. Paper. He perused it with more attention than Tribune or Rutland Herald, being something new. I am really pleased to learn that Capt. Tuckers Boots sute him.

I should like to know if they are like to do service.

I have an Idea that they have Been in a goodeal of hard service this winter.

I am writing on a news Paper & as I looked from the bottom of my page I saw that it T. Stewart of N.Y. must be a very rich man. He gives as his net income for a single year \$1,843,637. That gives him \$3.50 each minute awake or sleeping. His gains are equal to the day wages of a skillful working man.

Should you take the trouble to write me again tell me were you are & what office you hold.

Fon's wife lies dangerously ill of congestion of the lungs.

My health is good for an old man equally as good as Dean Swift said his was when he told a friend that he had 7 disorders about him every other ways he was in good Health. May this find you enjoying the best of health.

According to the statement of our News Papers our Armeys have don grand work this winter.

I now think of sending you a Paper occasionally I have a lame shoulder and at this minute it does not feel well, and in order to get this into the P. Office soon must stop.

Yours truly & sincerely  
John G. Farwell