

# REPUDIATES SPERBER'S VIEWS

Present Editor of Organisation Defends Mail-Order Concerns.

*To the Editor of The New York Times:*

The Berlin correspondence of THE NEW YORK TIMES cabled recently a paragraph concerning a most virulent and unjustifiable attack by O. Sperber, a German living in New York, on American mail-order houses, in the Berlin periodical Organisation.

The article in question was accepted for publication by my predecessor in the editorial chair of Organisation, and was already in type when I took charge, between two days, as it were. There was no copy to replace it or even time to add a disavowal. A very able defense of such an important American industry as the mail-order trade will appear in No. 9 of Organisation from the pen of the American Consul in Hanover, Mr. Robert J. Thompson—himself a long-time and prominent resident of Chicago—and should undo the mischief wrought by Herr Sperber, a mischief which, as an American born and bred, I greatly regret to have been done by a periodical now under my charge.

ROBERT GRIMSHAW.

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