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ODONTOPHORUS STROPHIUM, *Gould.*

Gorgeted Partridge.

SPECIFIC CHARACTER.

Od. mento albo; gulâ nigerrimâ, lunulâ albâ transversâ, notatâ; primarum pogoniis externis guttis carentibus.

Head slightly crested; crown, crest, and ear-coverts blackish brown; sides of the face dull white, speckled with black; chin white; throat deep black, crossed by a broad crescent-shaped mark of pure white; all the upper surface dark brown, freckled and marked with sandy buff; each of the scapularies with a large patch of black near the tip of the inner web, and a stripe of buff down the centre; all the wing-coverts with a spot of white at the tip; primaries and spurious wing dark brown, without the usual markings on the outer web; breast and under surface rich reddish chestnut, with a large spot of white in the centre of each feather; vent and under tail-coverts deep brown, tinged with buff; bill and feet blackish brown.

Total length, 9 inches; bill, 1; wing, $5\frac{1}{2}$; tail, 2; tarsi, 2; middle toe and nail, 2.

Ortyx (Odontophorus) strophium, Gould in Proc. of Zool. Soc., Part X. p. 134.

I PROPOSED the specific term *strophium* for this new species, as indicative of the peculiar form of the white mark on the throat. The only specimen I have seen is the one I at present possess, but which will hereafter be deposited in the British Museum. It appears to be an adult male, and in form is very robust; particularly in the legs and thighs, which, with the diminutive size of the tail, give it a somewhat *outré* appearance.

Habitat, the Spanish Main.

The Plate represents the bird in two positions, of the natural size.