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I do not remember any earlier Smothered  
Mate than Lucena 103.

In the Ch. N. Chronicle; 1845 p. 333, is a  
letter from "Shagird", & three games. In the  
Ch. N. Chr. 1846, p. 261, is a second form  
of Indian Problem by a "Shagird", or  
celebrated Native Ch. Player of India."

"Sha-gird. Does the first syllable signify  
Chess (Schach), and the second bear relation-  
ship to the English word "gird" = encircle,  
doth, invest? (By mistake may be for *gird*)

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On page 357 Ch. N. Chr. 1846, is another problem  
by The Indian Chess Doctor, or Dectiesimus. On