

GUELPH LINE ;

OR,

HOUSE OF BRUNSWICK.

Opened 1714 A.D.—Has already lasted 152 years.—6 Sovereigns.

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GEORGE I. (great-grandson of James I.),.....began to rule	1714
GEORGE II. (son),.....	1727
GEORGE III. (grandson),.....	1760
REGENCY of the Prince of Wales,.....	1811
GEORGE IV. (son),.....	1820
WILLIAM IV. (brother),.....	1830
VICTORIA (niece),.....	1837

Leading Feature:—**THE INFLUENCE OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS GREATER THAN AT ANY FORMER PERIOD.**

CHAPTER I.

GEORGE I.

Born 1660 A.D.—Began to reign 1714 A.D.—Died 1727 A.D.

Hanover united to Eng-land.	'The Fifteen.'	The Crash.
Policy of George.	The Septennial Act.	Robert Walpole.
Fall of the Tories.	Sweden and Spain.	Death of the King.
The Riot Act.	The South Sea Scheme.	Character.
	Golden Dreams.	Notes.

GEORGE I., already Elector of Hanover, became King of the British Empire at the age of fifty-four. His father was Ernest Augustus of Hanover; his mother was Sophia, daughter of Elizabeth, Queen of Bohemia, and therefore grand-daughter of James I. Having spent all his previous life in Germany, he knew but little of England, and to his last day could neither speak nor write the English language well. His wife was Sophia of Brunswick, his own cousin, whom he treated with great cruelty, keeping her for forty years shut up in a castle of Hanover, where not even her own children were allowed to see her. By his accession the crowns of Britain and Hanover were united.