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- Frederick William I (son of Frederick I of Prussia) 1688-1740
Frederick II (the Great) (son of Frederick William I) 1712-1786
Frederick William II (son of Augustus William, brother of Frederick the Great) 1744-1787
Frederick William III (son of Frederick William II) 1770-1840
Frederick William IV (son of Frederick William III, 1795-1861), reigned 1840-1861
William I (son of Frederick William III, brother of Frederick William IV, 1797-1888), reigned 1861-1888
Frederick III (son of William I, 1831-1888), reigned from March 9 to June 15, 1888.
William II (son of Frederick III and Princess Victoria of England), born Jan. 27, 1859, succeeded Frederick III in 1888.

These incidents, names, and dates are mere whisps of history. It is only necessary to indicate that to articulate this skeleton of history, clothe it with flesh, and give it its appropriate arms and costumes would entail the putting of all mediæval European history upon a screen, to deliver oneself without apology from any such task. It may be for this reason that there is no