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THE reign of George III. covered a period of sixty years. To attempt even an outline of it would be to write in large part the history of Europe and America during the greatest crisis of modern times. We can notice here only some features of the private character of the good old king. Thackeray has given us the finest analysis and portraiture of character of England's Four Georges, and from his graphic lectures we make the following extracts:

"In the 'Burney Diary and Letters,' the home and Court life of good old King George and good old Queen Charlotte are presented at portentous length. The King rose every morning at six, and had two hours to himself. He thought it effeminate to have a carpet in his bedroom. Shortly before eight, the Queen and the Royal family were always ready for him, and they proceeded to the King's chapel in the castle. There were no fires in the passages: the chapel was scarcely alight; princesses, governesses, equerries grumbled and caught cold; but cold or hot, it was their duty to go; and, wet or dry, light or dark, the stout old George was always in his place to say amen to the chaplain.

\* *Cyclopædia of Universal History*: Being an account of the principal events in the career of the human race from the beginnings of civilization to the present time. From recent and authentic sources. Complete in three volumes. Imp. 8vo, 2,364 pages. By JOHN CLARK RIDPATH, LL.D., Prof. of History in DePauw University; author of *A History of the United States*, *The Life and Work of Garfield*, etc. Profusely illustrated with maps, charts, sketches, portraits, and diagrams. The Jones Brothers Publishing Co., Cincinnati.