

religious, some poetic; proceedings of Congress, the proposed act to incorporate Baltimore, editorials and anecdotes.

Although the Sunday Monitor is the first Sunday newspaper known to have been published in the United States, there is in its columns a tantalizing paragraph:

From a correspondent - A fragment. During the last century, several great men undertook to furnish a Sunday Olio, and in the most variegated garb dressed up their "terms", but rapidly descending from the sublime into the ridiculous, they with a single dash of the goose-quill thus - "laughable anecdotes, and entertaining stories" - hushed the brat forever.⁴⁹

No copy of this mysterious Olio - and no other reference to it - has been found; the reference may be to an English newspaper, or to some extra edition published on Sunday, or even a paper with a wholly different title (For the word "olio" meaning "medly" or "potpourri" was not uncommonly used to designate a news sheet). At any rate, Philip Edwards must take the credit for initiating the Sunday paper into American journalism.

No later issue of the Sunday Monitor is known; and it is generally conceded by newspaper historians and bibliographers that December 18 was the only

⁴⁹ Sunday monitor. December 18, 1796.