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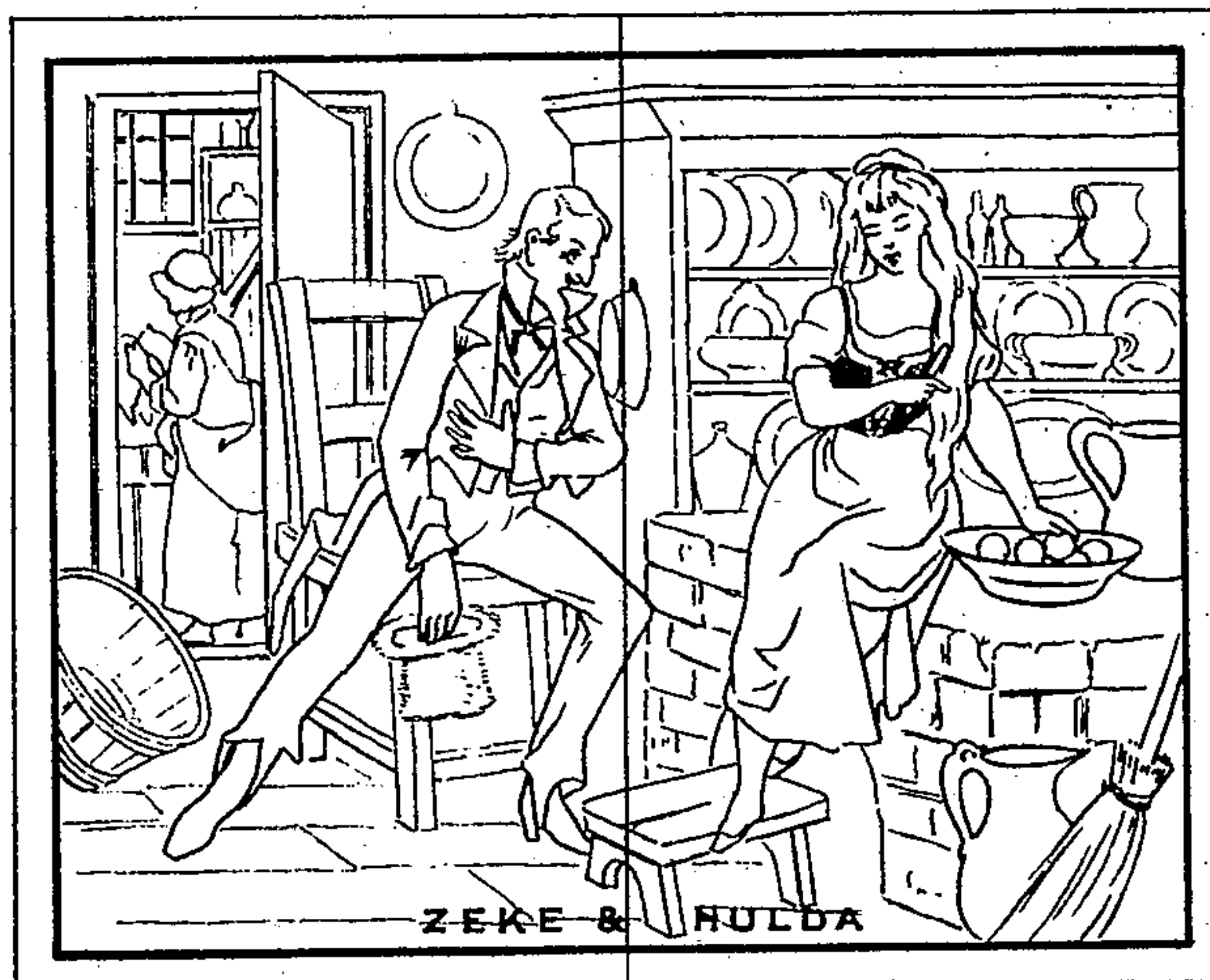
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Fig 1



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Fig 2



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Fig 3



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MILTON BRADLEY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Springfield, in the county of Hampden and State of Massachusetts, have invented new and useful Improvements in Game-Cards, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to the construction of cards for games, which are ornamented with special designs which are incomplete except when placed by the side of a card bearing that part of the figure or figures which is lacking to complete the said design, the object being to provide novel cards for social games; and said invention consists in so forming the designs on the various cards that all the cards of one group, when properly placed side by side, will form one complete design or picture.

Games of this nature—such as “Old Maid,” for instance—as usually played consist of a set of cards in duplicate—that is, two alike—of several kinds, and one odd card, usually bearing upon its face a picture of an “old maid.” The object of said game is to group pairs of cards together, which are then laid away, and the unfortunate player having the odd card left in his hand is declared “Old Maid.” Heretofore the picture on each card has had no special reference to the game, any design being used, and each being complete in itself.

In the drawings forming part of this specification, Figures 1, 2, and 3 represent game-cards constructed and ornamented according

to my invention. Figs. 1 and 2 represent differently-ornamented cards, which are divided into two equal parts on the line *x*; and Fig. 3 illustrates a card with a still different ornamentation, divided into three equal parts, on the lines *o o*.

It will be observed that the two parts of one card and the three parts of another, as in Fig. 3, are of uniform size, and may all be indiscriminately mingled together in a pack, wherein nothing visible on the edges or backs thereof will distinguish one from the other. Thus said pack of cards would consist of several series of two or three or more cards, each series constituting a special design, and each of which series, or some of them, in the progress of the game must be completed in the hand of a player to constitute such player a winner.

What I claim as my invention is—

The within-described improved game-cards, consisting of a number of the equal-sized sections of several larger individual cards, each of said sections having upon its face side complete and incomplete figures of living and other objects, which sections, when assembled to reform said individual cards, show upon their united faces a complete picture representing a diversity of said living and other objects, substantially as set forth.

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