

the players have played out all their cards, the game must be continued by those still holding cards until all are played out.

If, at the end of the game, the players have played out all their cards and no one holds a stocking card, the player who led the first card is entitled to Santa Claus, and with him takes the cards upon the table.

It may happen that one player will have several cards left in his hand when the other players have played out all of theirs. This is unavoidable, and all his cards must be given to the player taking the last lot of cards played upon the table.



THE
Christmas
Stocking.

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This Game may be played by any
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DIRECTIONS FOR PLAYING.

Draw out from the pack the Santa Claus card and lay aside. Shuffle the cards thoroughly, in order that the Christmas Stocking cards may be well distributed through the pack, then deal equally among the players, the cards being dealt face downwards, and must be held face down in the hands of the players.

The player to the left of the dealer then plays the top card of his pile, turning it *face up* on the table, followed in succession by the other players in same manner until some one plays out a *Christmas Stocking*, which takes all the cards then played and it is called a

“grab.” The cards so taken are laid on the table in front of the player who played the Christmas Stocking, who then leads the top card from those in his hand. Continue the game in this way until the cards are all played out. The player who has “grabbed” or taken the most cards, of course, wins the game, and also the most presents for his stocking.

If a player happens to lead out with a Christmas Stocking card, it must be put back into his pile of cards, and the next card on his pile led out.

If, when most of the cards having been played out, one player finds he holds several Stocking cards and no others, it shows that the cards have not been well shuffled, and the game counts for nothing.

When several are playing, and some of