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My Uncle Abe could shuffle
Cards like he riffled his mistresses
Pick a card, any card

Always the sleight of hand
In some cheap parlor trick
What's that behind your ear

But a good magician
Needs a repertoire
Should know better

Than to perform the same trick
Lest someone see the flash of red
Nothing up his sleeve.

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Legerdemain—2. A show of skill or deceitful cleverness <*leger de main*: *leger* = light, *de* = of, *main* = hand>