

# TERRORIZING CHILDREN...

A Southern  
mother relates  
her encounter  
with one of  
Sherman's  
Yankees..



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A mother recounted a traumatic incident during Sherman's march. "When Union soldiers invaded her home, her six-year-old daughter hid with her treasures—a bar of soap and her doll. One of the men approached the bed, and finding it warm, in a dreadful language accused us of harboring and concealing a wounded rebel, and he swore he would have his heart's blood.

"He stooped to look under the bed, and seeing the little white figure crouching in a distant corner, caught her by one rosy, little foot and dragged her forth. The child was too terror-stricken to cry, but clasped her little baby and her soap fast to her throbbing little heart. The man wrenched both from her and thrust the little one away with such violence that she fell against the bed.

"Such scenes created vivid memories and tales oft repeated. So throughout the war, and the years to come, the mere mention of "Yankees" might strike terror in Confederate children, stimulating fears that haunted them in darkened bedrooms or around dying campfires."

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