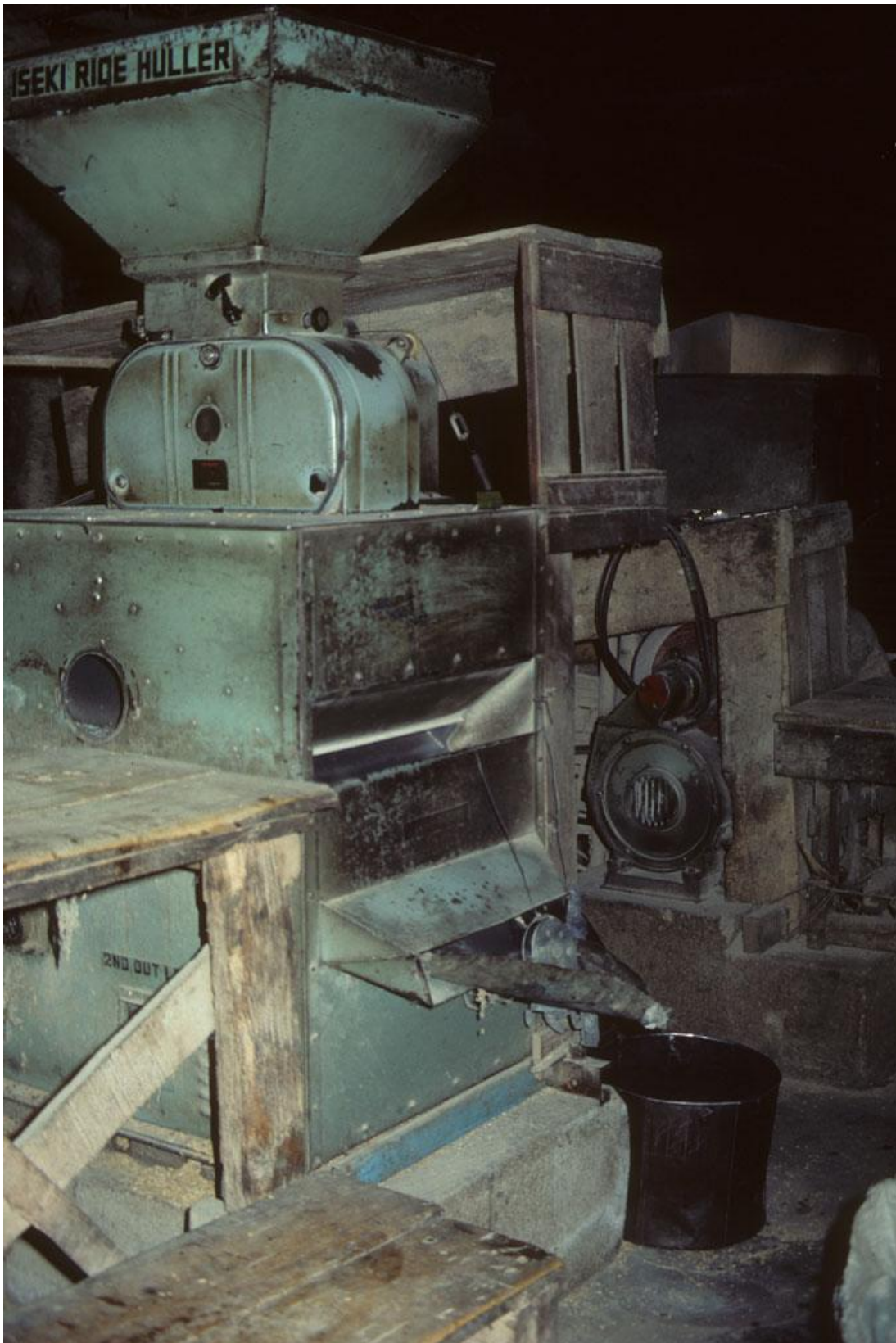


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A milling machine is set up to remove husks from rice grains. When operating, rice poured in at the top will emerge from the shoot at the bottom and drop into the black bucket. Formerly, throughout Southeast Asia, husks were removed from rice grains by pounding them in a large wooden or stone mortar with a large pole pestle. Women generally did this work. In towns or cities today, milling machines are used instead, doing the job quickly. Machine owners often charge the farmer some percentage of the rice processed rather than requiring an exchange of cash money. Farmers who can afford it and have machines available generally like to use rice mills to save family labor although everyone agrees that rice polished in a home mortar tastes better than the more heavily processed rice hulled by machine.



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