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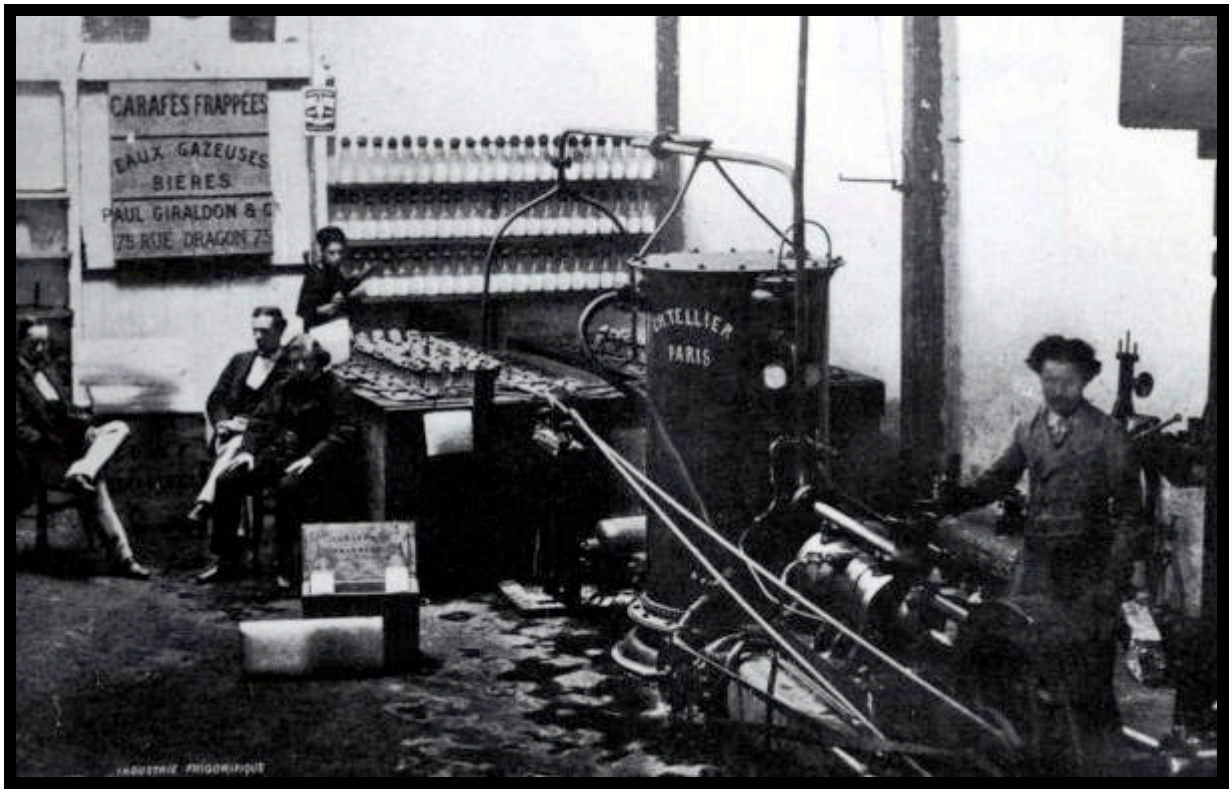
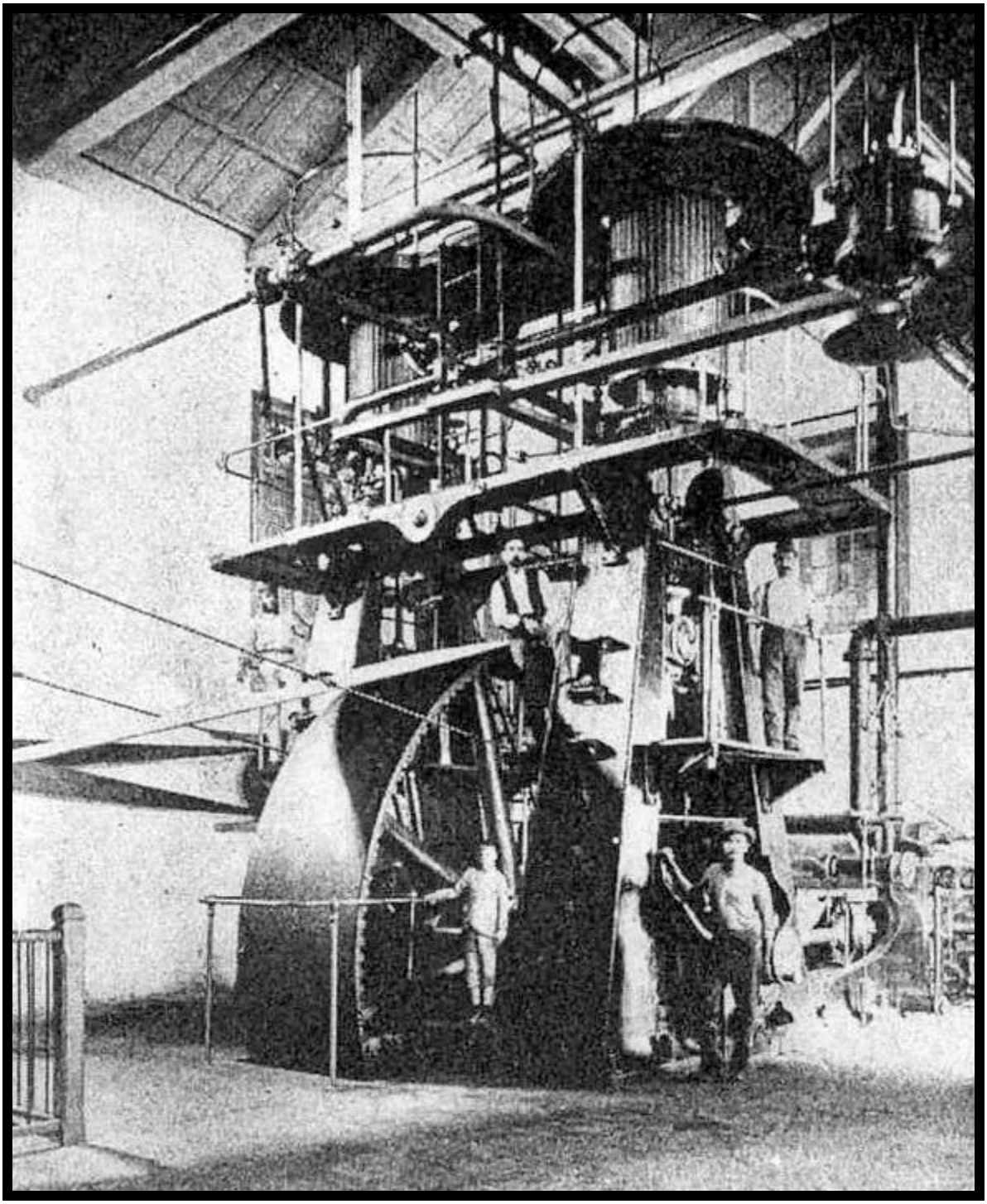
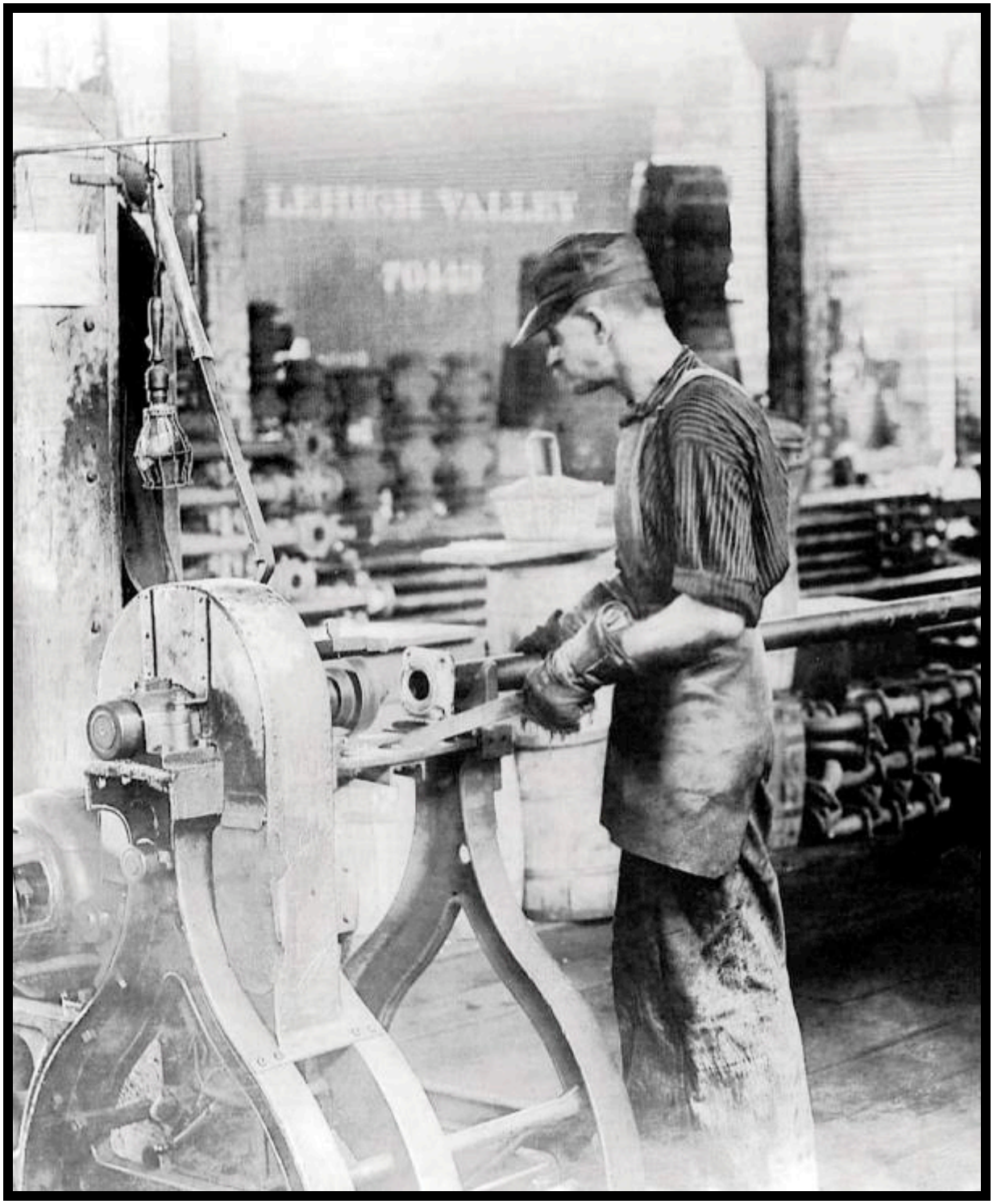
PHOTOGRAPHS of EARLY REFRIGERATING MACHINES



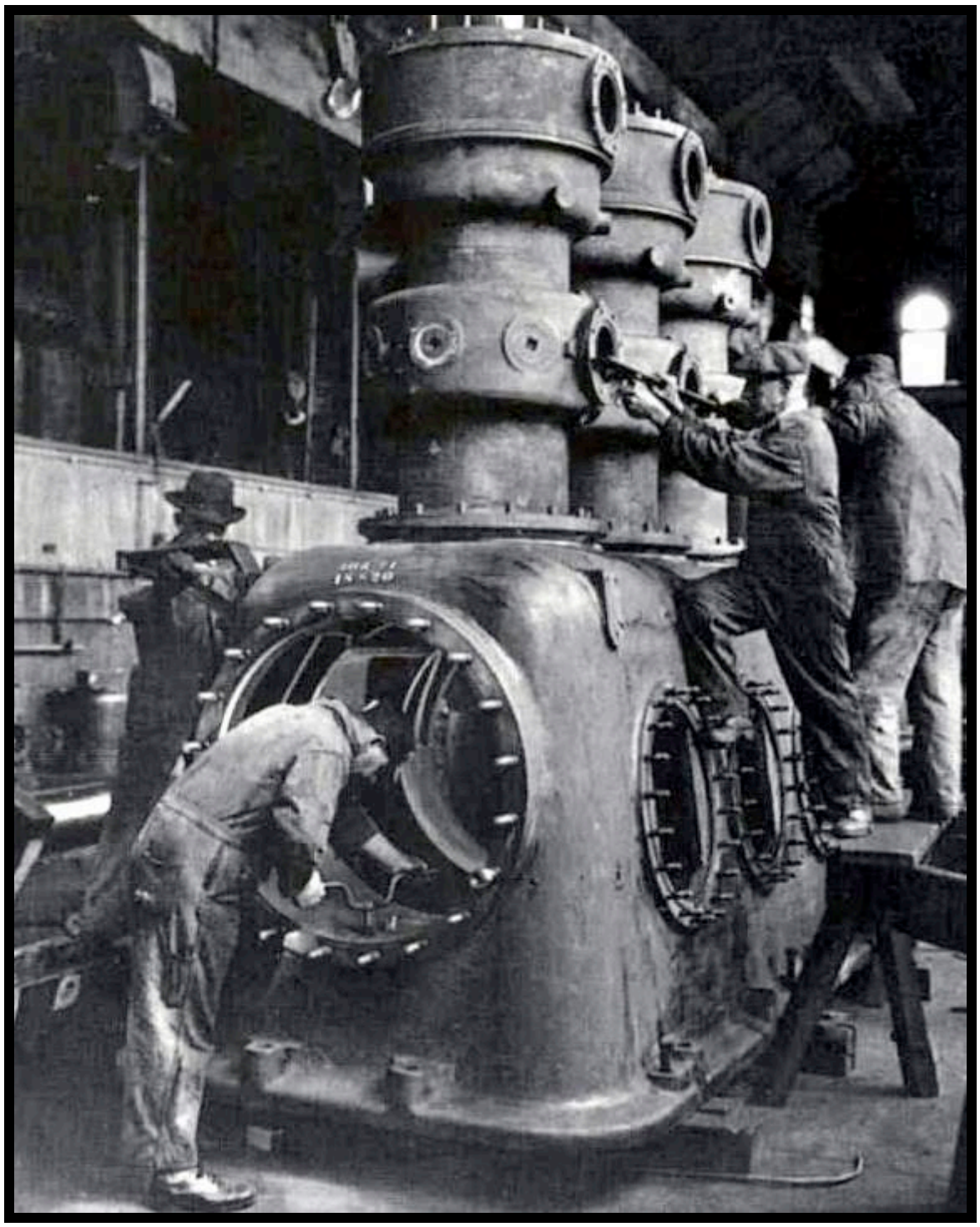
Methyl ether absorption refrigerating plant (Charles Tellier, Marseilles, 1869



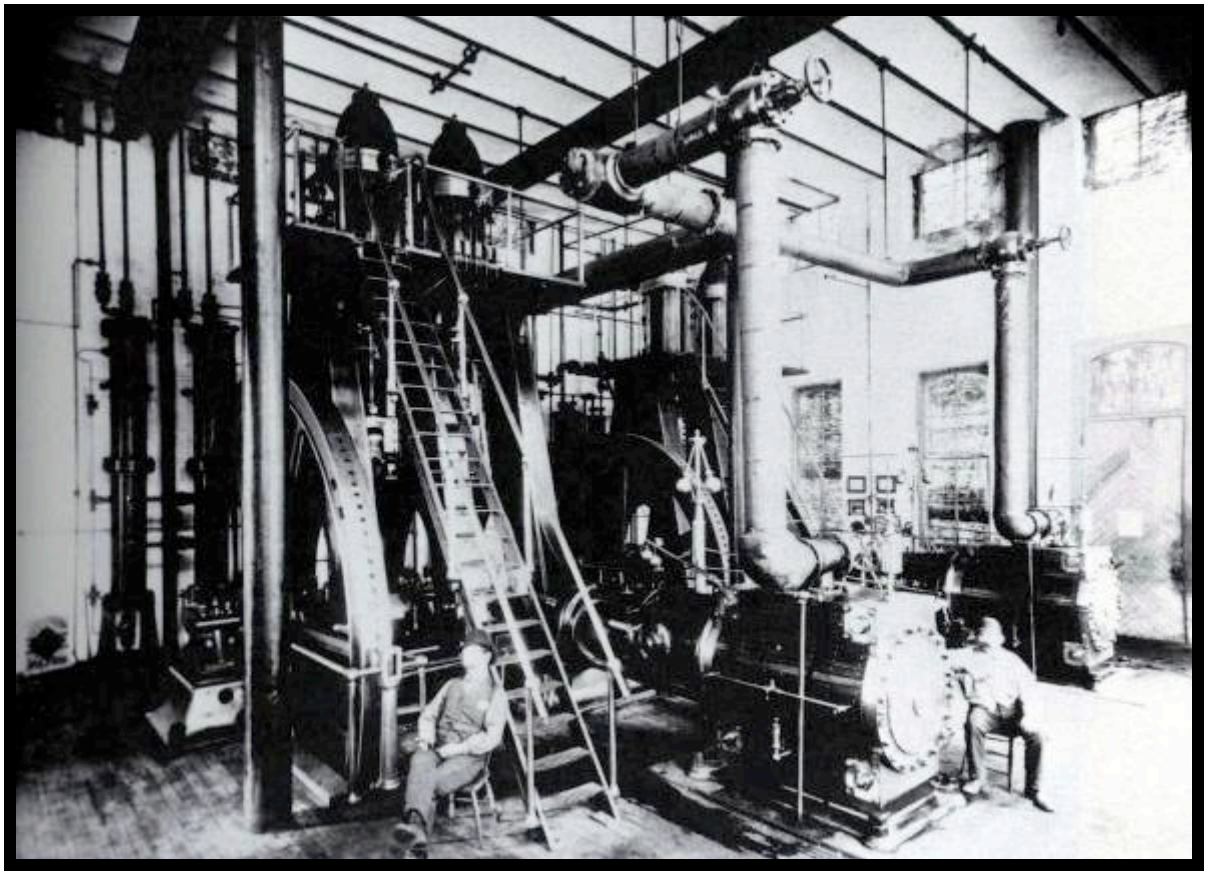
Frick refrigerating machine arranged for steam engine drive
or belt-driven from a water wheel
(La Tropical Brewery, Havana, 1892)



Cleaning flanges in the company pipe shop (York Manufacturing, c.1890)



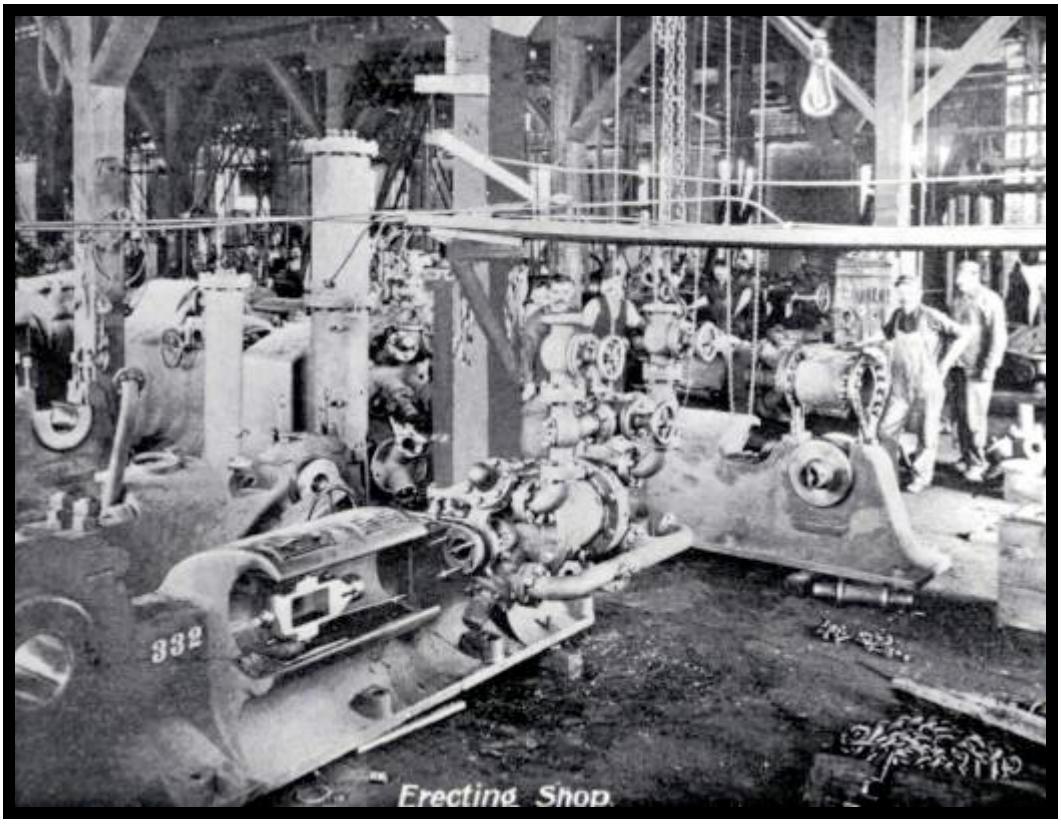
Constructing the base of an ice machine (York Manufacturing, probably c.1900)



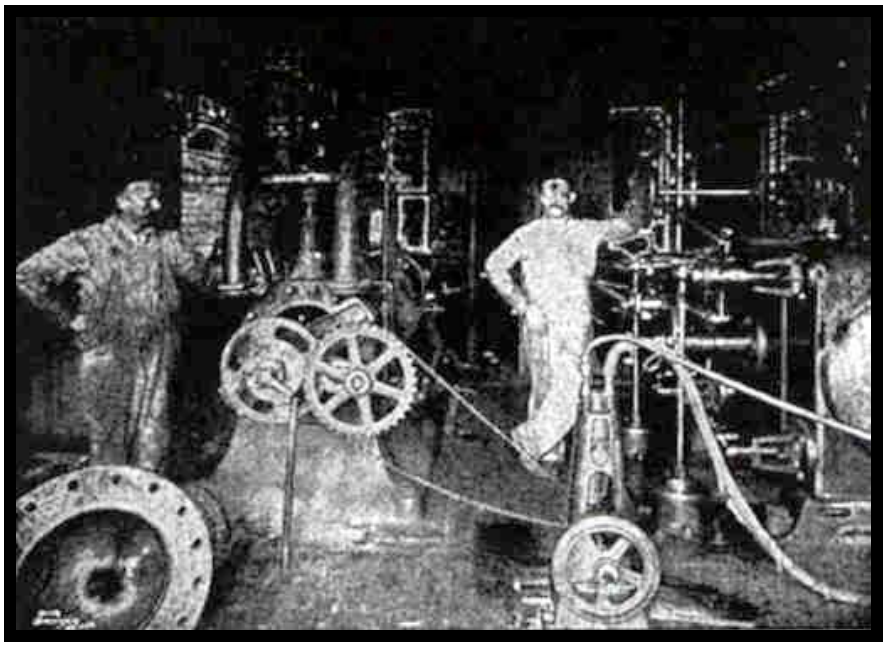
Steam-engine-driven ammonia compressor
(De La Vergne Refrigerating Machine Co, late 1800's)

It was merely a spacious house, with some innocent steam machinery in one end of it and some big porcelain pipes running here and there. No, not porcelain – they merely seemed to be; they were iron, but the ammonia which was being breathed through them coated them to the thickness of your hand with solid milk-white ice. It ought to have melted: for one did not require winter clothing in that atmosphere; but it did not melt; the inside of the pipe was too cold.

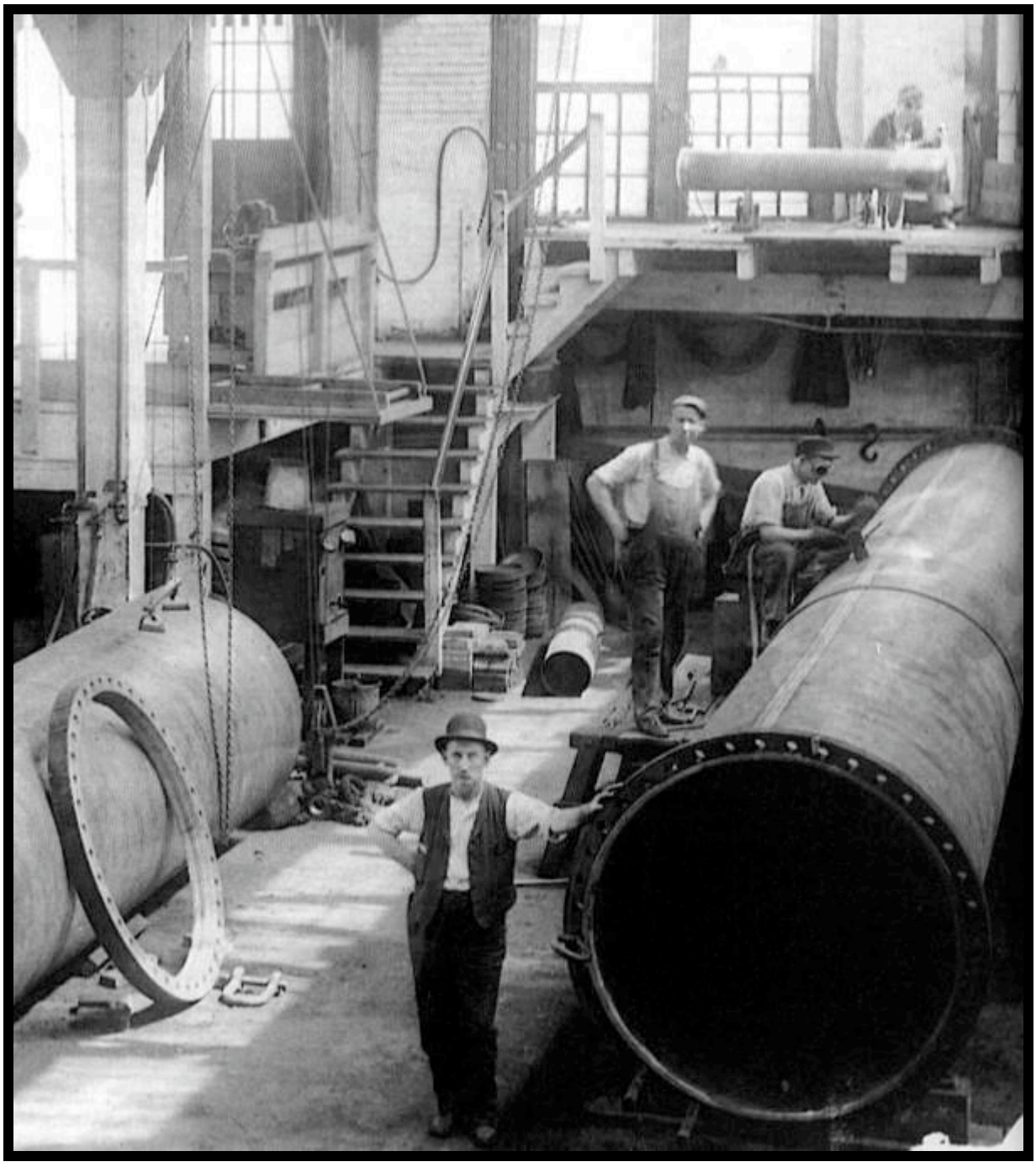
Mark Twain (Samuel Langhorne Clemens), 1835/1910.



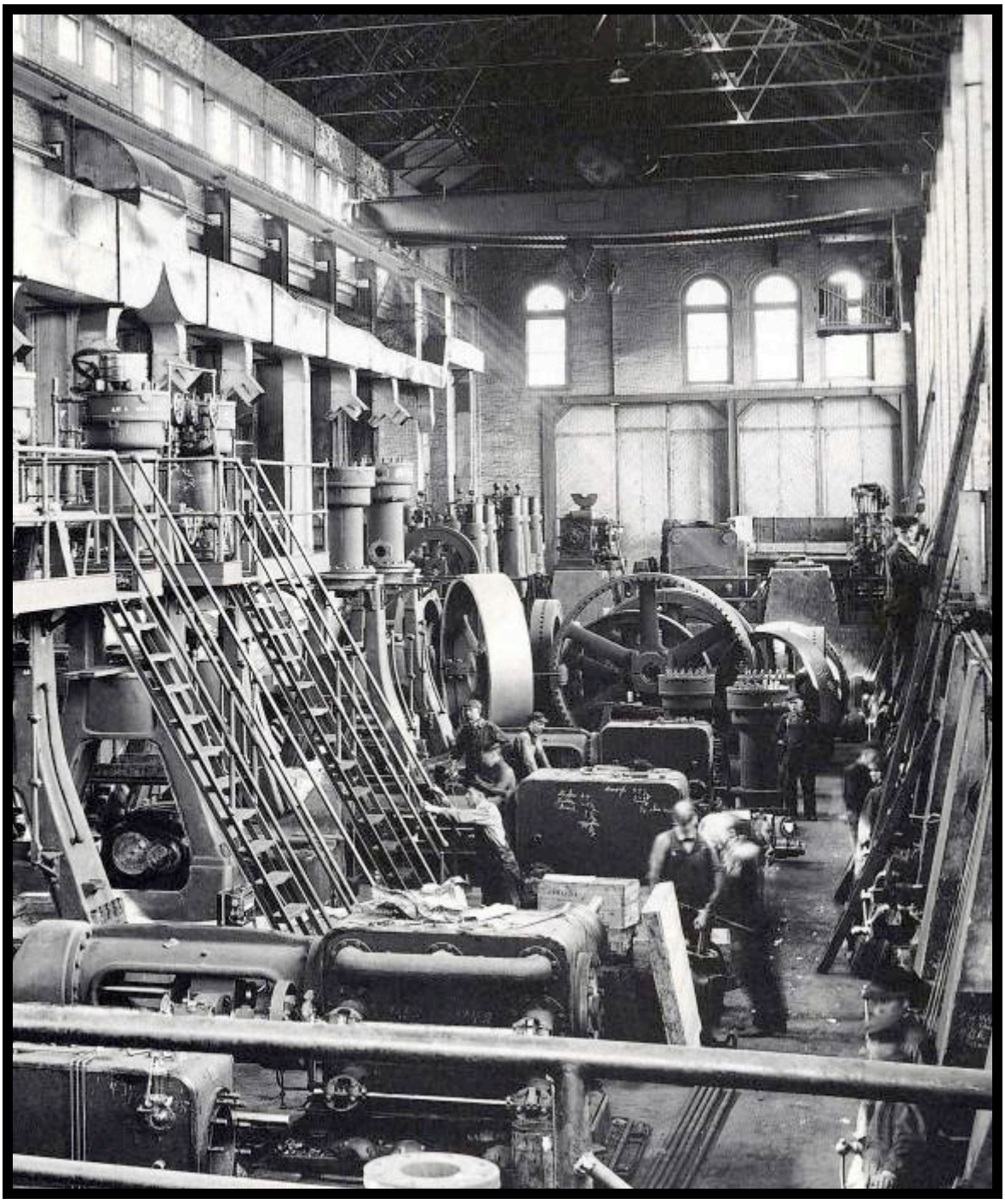
Assembly of Linde horizontal compressors (Fred W Wolf Co, Chicago, 1900)



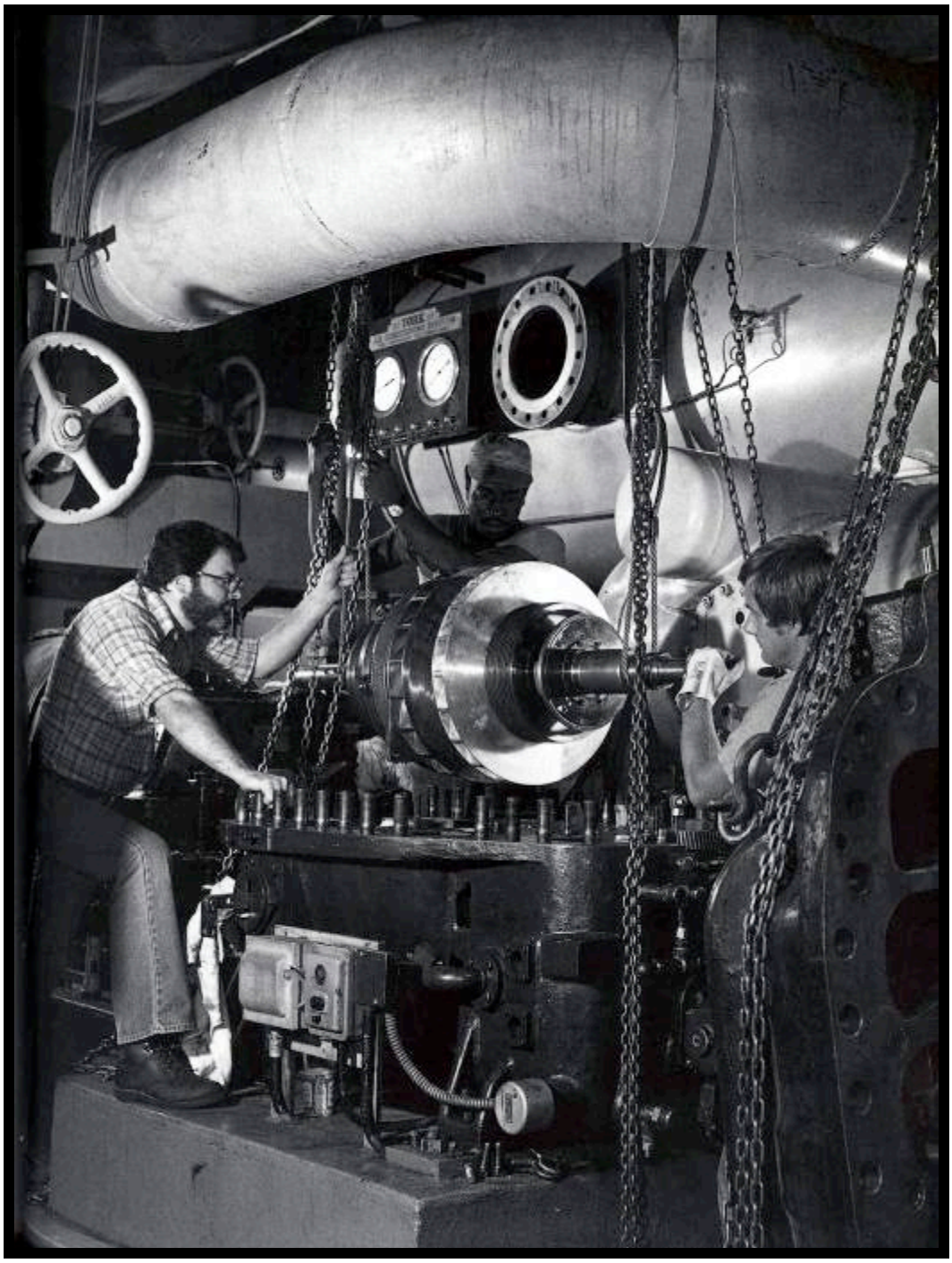
Refrigerating machine repair shop (Kansas City Machine Works, 1905)



Welding Department (York Manufacturing, 1909)



Large Machine Section, Assembly Department (York Manufacturing 1911)



Working on a centrifugal compressor rotor at the Empire State Building
(York-Borg Warner, 1970's)