

The actual melting point is noted when the film slides down the rod and forms a hanging drop on the squared end. This usually will be noted as a melting *range* of about one degree.

Unctuous masses such as petrolatum may be gotten on the rod by merely sticking the rod in the mass and squaring off the end eliminating the preliminary melting.

The rod is cleaned when the determination is made by removing from the tube and wiping with a dry rag while the wax is still liquid.

While this method may lack in absolute accuracy somewhat, it is very satisfactory for ordinary or comparative work.

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### COCONUT EXPERIMENT STATION TO BE ESTABLISHED IN CEYLON

The "Ceylon Government Gazette Extraordinary," No. 7424 of October 14, 1924, published an ordinance to provide for the establishment of a coconut experiment station in Ceylon, says a report of Vice-Consul Mason Turner, Colombo, Ceylon, to the Department of Commerce. The purpose of this experiment station is to conduct scientific investigation of problems connected with the coconut industry and to render practical assistance, by advice and demonstrations and the inspection of plantations, of persons engaged in the coconut industry. This investigation will include in particular the growth and cultivation of coconut palms, the prevention and cure of diseases and pests, and the utilization and marketing of the products of coconut palms. The Bill provides for the management of this station by the Director of Agriculture subject to the direction of a Committee. The Committee will consist of the Director of Agriculture and not less than five or more than ten other members to be appointed by the Governor. Of the appointed members, one will be an official employed in the Colonial Treasury and the others shall be persons engaged in the coconut industry. It is proposed that the initial cost of the Station shall be met by a Government loan of Rs. 250,000 repayable with 6 per cent interest in ten equal annual installments.