A NINE-SQUARE WITH THE REMAINING DIAGONAL

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I have previously published nine-squares with a diagonal word in the NE-SW (= SW-NE) direction, (Nine-Square with Palindromic Diagonal, May 2002), and with a word in the NW-SE direction (A Nine-square with a Non-palindromic Diagonal, November 2002). The square below completes the set, having a word as the SE-NW diagonal.

SLAPSACE E OED slapsauce 1, 1611 quote
LEUIATHAN OED laviathan 1c, 1607 quote
AUNCETERS OED wretchedly 2, 1548 quote
PICOMETRE see below
SAEMONNEN sae-monnen, OED seaman 1, 1205 quote
ATTENTEST from OED attent, verb
WHESTONESE OED witness
CARRSESSES OED caress
ENSENSTEST from OED ensent, verb

The square is virtually single-source, as the OED, under pico-, sanctions this prefix (with no hyphen) with units of measure in general, though picometre is strangely missing from the examples given. Nanometre is mentioned under metre 2 a. Picometre is a headword in Wikipedia (.com), "the free encyclopedia".

The diagonal starting in the south-east reads TESTOONES (OED teston, testoon 1, 1617 quote), a name used of a number of European silver coins from about 1450 for 100 years or so.

Note the absence of phrases and proper nouns.

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