

# 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.

S L A P S A W C E	OED slapsauce 1, 1611 quote
L E U I A T H A N	OED laviathan 1c, 1607 quote
A U N C E T E R S	OED wretchedly 2, 1548 quote
P I C O M E T R E	see below
S A E M O N N E N	sæ-monnen, OED seaman 1, 1205 quote
A T T E N T E S T	from OED attent, verb
W H E T N E S S E	OED witness
C A R R E S S E S	OED caress
E N S E N T E S T	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.