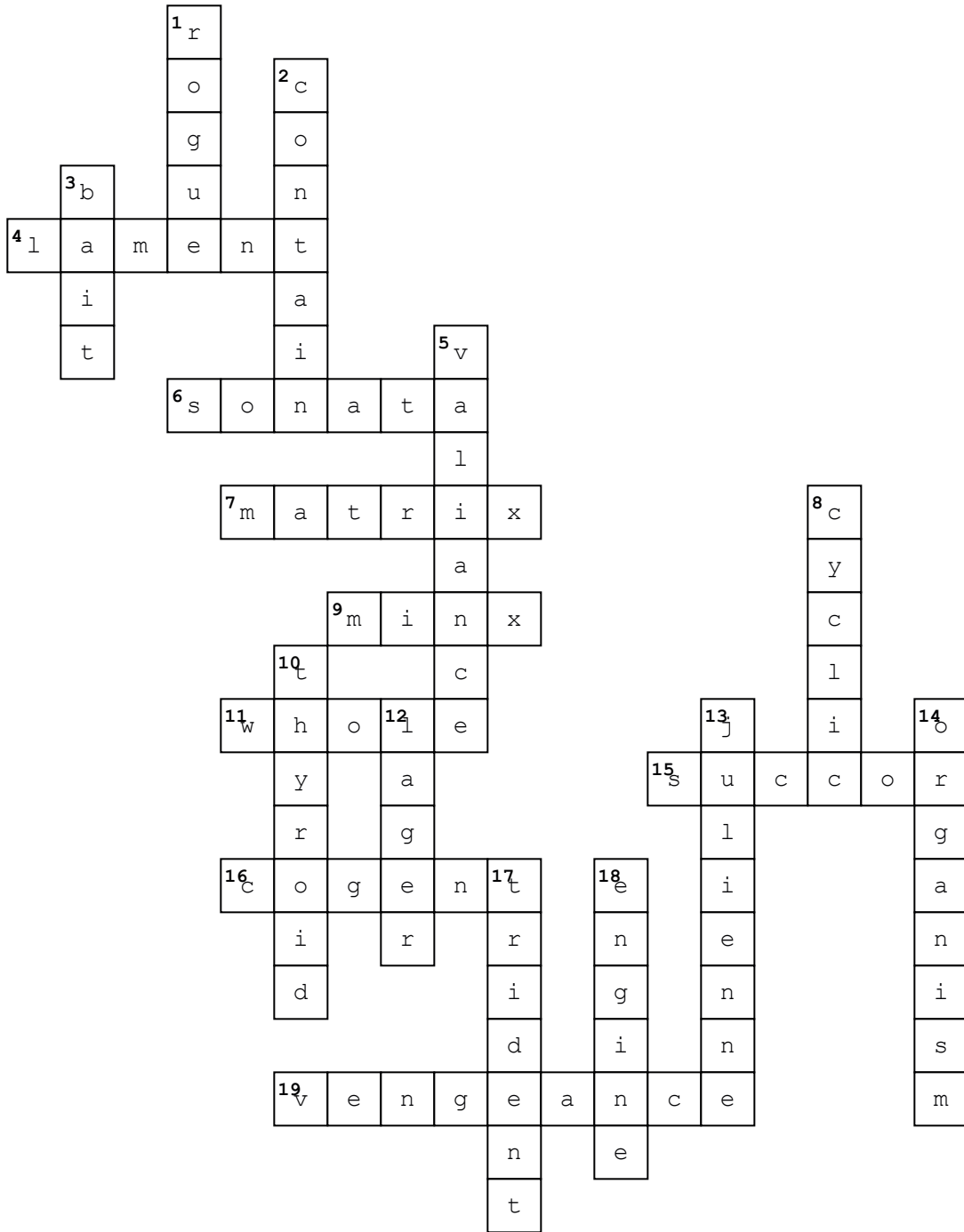


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Across

4. Damn, windy lane cuts through mountain? (6)
6. Progeny at first letter composition (6)
7. June's predecessor reportedly pranks grid (6)
9. Smallest unknown girl (4)
11. Total hooker switches direction (5)
15. Fool reported aid (6)

Down

1. Ugly ogre takes you for a crook (5)
2. Hold criminal stigma endlessly (7)
3. Lure answer into one of two states (4)
5. Interleave net with conceited bravery (7)
8. Fancy clicker holds something of a repeating nature (6)

- 16.** Gear specialist is logical (6)
- 19.** Crazy vegan niece loses eye, seeks recourse (9)

- 10.** Your medieval brand returns a gland (7)
- 12.** Bigger republican lost to beer (5)
- 13.** Put claim in before July for a cut (8)
- 14.** Soaring havoc takes my head for a creature (8)
- 17.** Spear lair into one of three states (7)
- 18.** Offer drug to confused genie for machine (6)