Structural Problem by Samuel – Solution and Notes

1 	² 7	³ C	⁴ H	⁵ Y	Ρ	⁶ A	L	⁷ M	S	⁸ Y	⁹ T
10 	S	L	A	М	I	С	¹¹ H	12 	0	W	Α
¹³ P	1	I	R	U	14 D	E	N	G	U	E	L
¹⁵ R	0	M	Р	E	R	R	16	R	Α	D	E
17 	М	A	М	Н	18 L	¹⁹ B	Н	A	20 V	²¹	Ν
²²	²³ K	Т	24 A	25 R	A	L	D	Т	I	W	Т
R	1	Ι	D	26 A	R	Т	27 Y	28 E	В	В	S
29 E	S	С	H	A	R	Y	T	³⁰ T	R	31 Y	Ρ
32 S	³³	Ι	E	³⁴	Ι	35 A	S	36 	A	G	0
S	37 N	U	R	A	G	Н	U	Ν	Т	G	Т
³⁸ E	A	S	Е	С	³⁹	М	0	R	0	U	S
S	D	40 T	R	Α	N	S	F	0	R	М	S

Additional letters from wordplay give PHILIP, ALAN and RIGSBY, three of the main characters in the sitcom RISING DAMP. The other main character in the sitcom, and the object of desire for RIGSBY, is MISS JONES; accordingly, four answers (JOHNNIES, JAWBONES, JOKINESS and JOYANCES) have the letters JONES removed on entry. Six down entries clued without definition and entered upwards are all synonyms for DAMP; similarly, the sitcom's title is represented by rising DAMP, highlighted.

ACROSS

DOWN

2 MOIST (no defn) 3 CLIMATIC 4 HARP 5 RHEUMY (no defn) 6 ACERBITY 7 MIGRATE 8 DEWY (no defn) 9 TALENT-SPOT 11 JOHNNIES (Miss Jones) 13 PRIORESSES 18 LARRIGAN 20 VIBRATOR 21 JAWBONES (Miss Jones) 23 JOKINESS (Miss Jones) 23 JOKINESS (Miss Jones) 24 ADHERER 27 FOUSTY (no defn) 31 MUGGY (no defn) 33 DANK (no defn)	MOI + ST {I in CALM*) + TIC R in HAP (E in HUM) in RY ACE + RB + (p)ITY MI + G(et) + (sta)R + ATE DENY with W for N(igerian) PLANETS* in TOT Double defn, ref 39ac (RIO in PRESS) + E(xile)S A in (GIRL RAN)* (I +RAVE + THROB)* = (HE + VIBRATOR)* J + (s)AWBONES KINE in JOSS ADHERER – (HE'D + RARE)* FOU + STY MUG + G(u)Y DAN + (wor)K