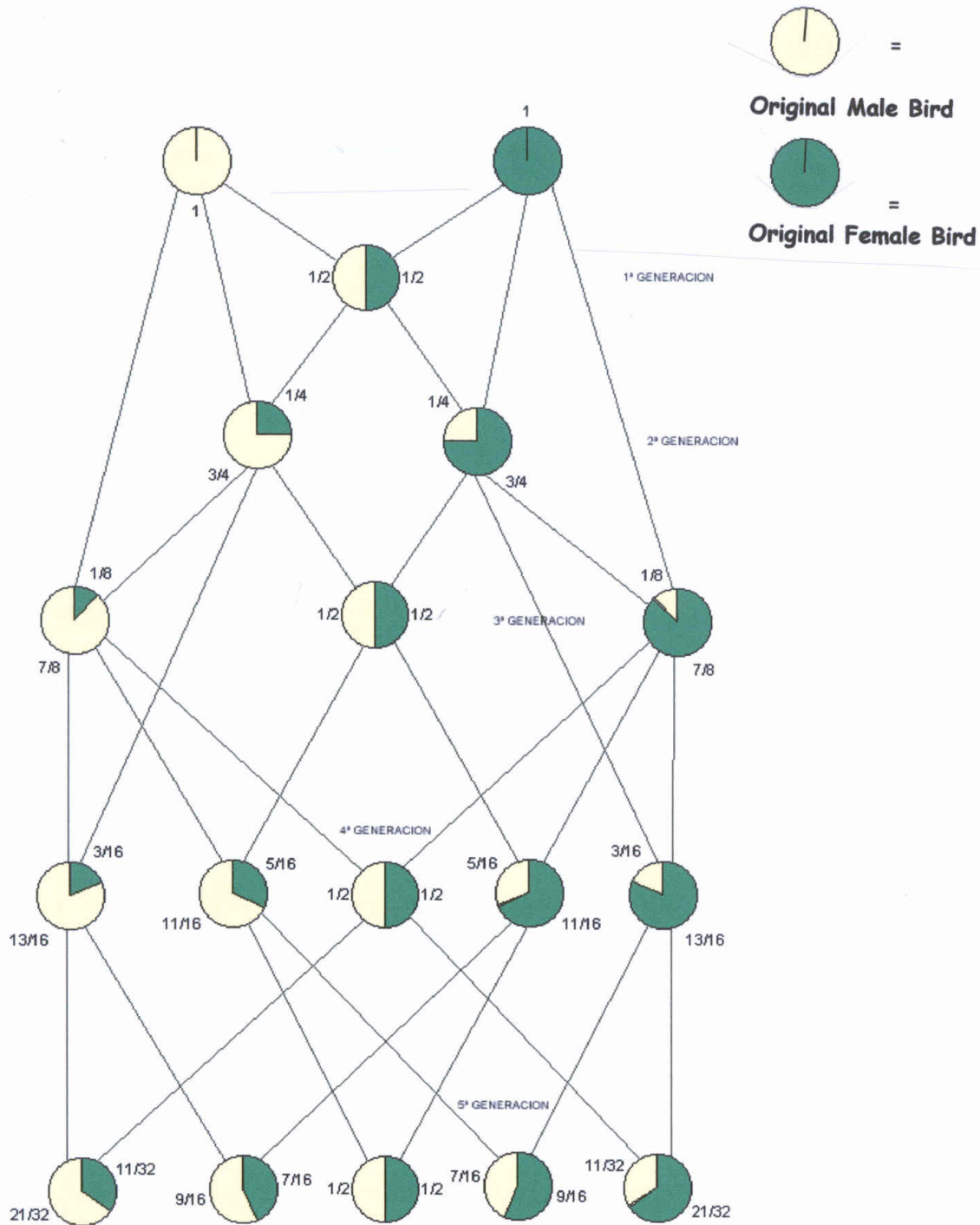


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The process of Line Breeding is not a theory. It is a scientific and mathematically correct system of breeding and in which every descendant from the original pair selected is related to one another and in a known degree. The details, as given in this line breeding chart, are the discovery of Mr. I. K. Felch, who some years ago was an internationally known poultry breeder. For many years the information conveyed in this chart was a closely guarded secret. Today the system of line breeding is used by a large majority of breeders of pet and exhibition stock. By the use of the line breeding system absolute uniformity of all the desired and essential features and characteristics, such as song, type, size, color and quality of feather, can be definitely secured and maintained. No matter what line of pet or fancy stock this system is applied to, so long as the right selections are made in the first place and they system carefully followed, it will bring the operator to ultimate success.

As the success or failure of this system depends entirely upon the first selections for the FOUNDATION STOCK, it necessarily follows that the two birds or animals selected must be of the very finest type and breeding. Moreover, it must be proven beyond the slightest doubt that there does not exist in the breeding of the two selections any possible relationship. This is very important. Both birds must be big, healthy and constitutionally strong. They must be of the same strain. In Roller Canaries, the male should be the son of a contest winner. His song should have excellent, deep, rich tone and very good variety of tours. There must also be excellent continuity. The female selected to pair to this male must be equally well bred and of the same strain. She should be the progeny from a prolific and good feeding mother and should be large, active and constitutionally sound in every way. The use of poor quality females is only a waste of your time. Due to the absence of song, the real qualities in the breeding of the hen lays dormant, but will most assuredly manifest themselves in the progeny bred from her.

After the first breeding season, and if the progeny from the first pair prove to be birds not equal in every way to their parents, then it can be quite safely assumed that a fault existed in either one of the parent birds, and this should be carefully investigated before further work is undertaken. Remember that while the process

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of line breeding will certainly give you all the required results, and will actually improve the desired features form time to time, still if you persist in further breeding with faulty birds you actually magnify the faults, and until the point is reached where the progeny will be much inferior to the first selections. As the work of each season progresses the operator should always reserve for his own breeding room the cream of all the birds produced. It is only by carefully selecting the best in song and constitution that proper progress can be maintained.

Line breeding is the quick road to success if properly followed.