

from the land over the Pacific. It went faster and faster, here and there.

After some days, when the wind got weaker the balloon started to go down. It fell very quickly. The men were afraid and shouted; 'Throw out bags.'

'We're still going down. Look, we're near the sea. Look at the high waves, we'll die.'

One man shouted: 'Throw everything out.'

This was Cyrus Smith. He was very strong. He wasn't afraid.

They threw out guns, food, water, money. The boy held the dog in his arms.

The balloon climbed into the sky again. It moved south and after a long time it began to go down again. They saw no land, only water.

'Every body climb up onto the ropes,' shouted Cyrus Smith. The boy carried the dog and then they cut the ropes and everything below them fell into the sea.

The balloon began to go up again and one man, Pencroft, who was a seaman, shouted: 'Land'!

Then they all saw dark grey mountains a long way

weak	חלש	south	דרום
sea	ים	mountain	הר
wave	גל		
gun	רובה		
climb	לטפס		
rope	חבל		
beach	חוף		
land	יבשה		

