CLAIMS

1. A massaging apparatus, comprising:

a massaging element for performing massage treatment on a massage target area of user's body; and

an arm member provided at its head with the massaging element,

the arm member having a load-reducing mechanism for absorbing a load applied to the arm member from the massaging element,

the load-reducing mechanism being designed to absorb a load imposed on the massaging element by exploiting an urgence exerted in a front-rear direction; wherein the massaging apparatus further comprising a rotatable drive shaft for producing a rotatably driving force, the arm members comprising of a first arm member extending in a first direction in intersecting relation to the rotatable drive shaft, and a second arm member extending in a second direction in intersecting relation to the rotatable drive shaft, the massaging element comprising a first massaging element disposed at a head of the first arm member, and a second massaging element disposed at a head of the second arm member,

and wherein the load-reducing mechanism, which is disposed between the first arm member and the first massaging element, includes a spring member which is biased about a horizontally directed axis, and a support structure for supporting the first and the second arm members for free rocking motion about the
rotatable drive shaft, wherein the spring member effects the urgence.

2. The massaging apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the load-reducing mechanism effects the~~an~~ urgence in the front-rear

direction by causing the second arm member to deflect in the front-rear direction.

3. The massaging apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the second arm member has a thin-walled portion formed at a certain part thereof in a lengthwise direction, and wherein the thin-walled portion undergoes elastic deformation to yield ~~an~~the urgence.

4. The massaging apparatus according claim 1, wherein ~~an~~ the urgence of the spring member for the first massaging element is transmitted to the second massaging element ~~via the support structure~~through the first arm member and the second arm member.

5. The massaging apparatus according claim 1, wherein there are provided a massaging base bearing the first arm member and the second arm member, and a frame body for supporting the massaging base for rocking motion about the rotatable drive shaft at a predetermined rock angle.