

CLAIMS

1. A massage device comprising:

A pair of right-side and left-side massage members, each having a treatment element ; and

a massage mechanism for operating at least one of said paired massage members in a manner such that said treatment elements are moved close to and away from each other in a horizontal direction to produce kneading actions,

said massage member having an arm member extending in a direction substantially perpendicular to said approaching/separating direction,

said treatment element being disposed at a front end of said arm member in a manner such that an extended line extending along a protruding direction of said arm member passes through an interior of said treatment element.

2. The massage device according to claim 1,

wherein the front end of said arm member is provided with a shaft body pointing in the protruding direction of said arm member,

and wherein said treatment element is mounted for free rotation about said shaft body.

3. The massage device according to claim 2,

wherein said treatment element is made rotatable in a direction substantially parallel to an approaching/separating direction of said arm member.

4. The massage device according to claim 3,

wherein said arm member is configured to have branched front ends that extend upward and downward, respectively, and the branched upper and lower front ends are each provided with a treatment element.

5. The massage device according to any one of claims 1 to 4,

wherein said massage mechanism is designed to drive a base end of said arm member in a manner such that the front ends of said arm members are moved close to and away from each other in the horizontal direction.

6. A chair-type massage apparatus comprising:

a seat;

a backrest disposed at a rear of the seat; and

the massage device as set forth in claim 5, which is mounted inside said backrest.

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1. A message device comprising:

a pair of right-side and left-side message members; and

a message mechanism for operating at least one of said paired message members by providing a kneading message to a user's body;

wherein the at least one paired message members comprising at least one arm member protruding in a direction from a base member of the message device;

wherein said at least one arm member comprising at least one treatment element being disposed at a front end of said at least one arm member in a manner such that an extended line extending along a protruding direction of said at least one arm member passes through an interior of said at least one treatment element;

wherein said message mechanism works in a manner whereby said at least one treatment element are moved close to and away from each other in a horizontal approaching and separating direction to produce kneading actions;

wherein said at least one arm member extending in a direction substantially perpendicular to said horizontal approaching and separating direction of the at least one treatment element;

wherein said front end of said at least one arm member being provided with a shaft body pointing in the protruding direction of said at least one arm member; and

wherein said at least one treatment element being mounted for free rotation about said shaft body.

2. The message device according to claim 1,

wherein said at least one treatment element is made rotatable in a direction substantially parallel to the approaching and separating direction of the said at least one treatment element connected to the said at least one arm member.

3. The message device according to claim 1,

wherein said at least one arm member is configured to have branched front ends that extend upward and downward, respectively, and the branched upper and lower front ends are each provided with a treatment element.

4. The massage device according to any one of claims 1 and 3, wherein said massage mechanism is designed to drive a base end of said at least one arm member in a manner such that the front ends of said at least one arm member are moved close to and away from each other in the horizontal direction.

5. A chair-type massage apparatus comprising:

a seat;

a backrest disposed at a rear of the seat; and

the massage device as set forth in claim 4, which is mounted inside said backrest.