CLAIMS

1. A shielding device comprising:

a sunlight shielding member suspended so as to be able to be raised and lowered in accordance with movement of cords and

a braking device for braking movement of the cords, wherein

the braking device comprises

a sandwiching object configured to allow the cords to be sandwiched, wherein

the sandwiching object is configured to change a sandwiched state so that the sandwiching object sandwiches the cords and brakes the movement of the cords without stopping the movement of the cord when the cords move relatively to the sandwiching object in one direction due to a self-weight of the sunlight shielding member and the sandwiching object releases the cord in a non-bent state as a result of the cords moving relatively to the sandwiching object in another direction.

2. The shielding device of Claim 1, further comprising a resistance provider configured to, when the cord moves relatively in the one direction, generate resistance in association with movement of the cord.

3. The shielding device of Claim 1, wherein

the sandwiching object comprises:

a roller disposed in a position in which the roller can contact the cord and configured to be movable in a predetermined range; and

a sandwiching member disposed so that the cords are sandwiched between the sandwiching member and the roller, and

the roller is configured to move to a first position when the cords and the roller move relatively in one direction and to move to a second position when the cords and the roller move relatively in the other direction.

4. The shielding device of Claim 3, wherein the roller is configured to be always kept in contact with the cords between the first position and the second position.

5. The shielding device of Claim 3, wherein the braking device comprises an energizer configured to energize the roller so that the roller moves in a direction in which the roller contacts the cords.

6. The shielding device of Claim 3, wherein

the cords are sandwiched between the roller and the sandwiching member when the roller is located in the first position, and

the cords are released in a non-bent state when the roller is located in the second position.

7. The shielding device of Claim 6, wherein

the roller is configured to move so that friction acting between the roller and the cords when the roller is located in the second position becomes smaller than friction acting between the roller and the cords when the roller is located in the first position.

8. The shielding device of Claim 7, the braking device further comprising a resistance provider configured to provide rotational resistance to the roller, wherein

the roller is configured to be rotatable in accordance with movement of the cords in the one direction, and

the roller continuously transmits rotation to the resistance provider even if the roller moves from the first position to the second position.

9. The shielding device of Claim 6, further comprising a resistance provider configured to, when the cords move relatively in the one direction, generate resistance in association with movement of the cords, wherein

when the roller is located in the first position, rotation of the roller caused by movement of the cords is outputted to the resistance provider, and

when the roller is located in the second position, rotation of the roller caused by movement of the cords is not outputted to the resistance provider.

10. The shielding device of Claim 9, wherein the roller transmits rotation to the resistance provider through a transmitter when the roller is located in the first position.

11. The shielding device of Claim 6, the braking device further comprising:

an output member configured to rotate in the first position in association with rotation of the roller, and

a resistance provider configured to generate resistance in association with rotation of the output member.

12. A shielding device comprising:

a sunlight shielding member suspended so as to be able to be raised and lowered in accordance with movement cords; and

a braking device for braking movement of the cords, wherein

the braking device comprises:

a sandwiching object configured to allow the cords to be sandwiched, wherein

the sandwiching object is configured to move along a moving direction of the cord so as to approach the cords and brakes the movement of the cords without stopping the movement of the cords when the cords move due to a self-weight of the sunlight shielding member.