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 arm member for free rocking motion about the rotatable drive shaft.

2. The massaging apparatus according to claim 1,

~~wherein there are provided a rotatable drive shaft for producing a rotatably driving force, a first arm member extending in a first direction in intersecting relation to the~~

~~rotatable drive shaft, a second arm member extending in a second direction in intersecting relation to the rotatable drive shaft, 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 effects 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 urgence.

~~4. The massaging apparatus according to any one of claims 1 to 3,~~

~~wherein there are provided a rotatable drive shaft for producing a rotatably driving force, a first arm member extending in a first direction in intersecting relation to the rotatable drive shaft, a second arm member extending in a second direction in intersecting relation to the rotatable drive shaft, 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 arm member for free rocking motion about the rotatable drive shaft.~~

~~5.~~ 4. The massaging apparatus according claim ~~4~~ 1,

wherein an urgence of the spring member for the first

massaging element is transmitted to the second massaging element via the support structure.

~~6.~~ 5. The massaging apparatus according claim ~~4~~ 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.