

ABSTRACT

There is provided a back kneading device capable of causing a massage mechanism to protrude forward and return to an original normal position wherein there occurs no increase in size and complexity in construction. The back kneading device 4 mounted in a chair-type massage apparatus 1 comprises the massage mechanism 10 having a pair of right-hand and left-hand massage members 17, a base member 12 for pivotally supporting the mechanism 10 at its lower end, a vertical movement mechanism 13 for imparting a vertical motion to the base member 12, an advancing and retracting mechanism 14 for rockably driving massage mechanism 10, and a rock restricting mechanism 15 for an adjusting angle of rotation of the massage mechanism 10 so that, when the device is in an upper position, an upper end of the massage member 17 protrudes forward, whereas, in a lower position, a lower end thereof protrudes forward.