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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The present invention materializes a construction which improves the pressing mechanism of a head of a printer and prevents the working face of the head from being one-sided. A platen (1) rotatable about a first axis (6) and a head (2) swingable about a second axis (10) in parallel with the first axis (6) are disposed so as to face each other via recording paper. When the head (2) is swung in a forward direction, a printing portion (9) above the second axis (10) is pressed against the platen (1), while, when the head (2) is swung in a backward direction, the printing portion (9) is retracted from the platen (1). One end (3a) of the spring member (3) is engaged with the head (2) below the second axis (10), and the other end (3b) of the spring member (3) is engaged with an opening/closing operation member (4). The opening/closing operation member (4) can be switchably operated between a closed position and an open position. In the closed position, the opening/closing operation member (4) urges the spring member (3) to the rear to apply torque to the head (2) to swing the head (2) in the forward direction thereby pressing the printing portion 9 against the platen (1). In the open position, the opening/closing operation member (4) releases the urging to the spring member (3) and moves the spring member (3) to the front to swing the head (2) in the backward direction thereby retracting the printing portion (9) from the platen (1).

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