

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A composite card reader (11) used for IC cards, magnetic cards and the like to which the card is manually inserted and extracted is disclosed. The composite type  
5 card reader (11) has a shutter lever (28) for opening and closing a card inlet (13), a locking mechanism for locking the card by closing the shutter lever (28), and a lock releasing mechanism for releasing the lock by opening the shutter lever (28). A shutter closing lever (32) included  
10 in the locking mechanism and a shutter opening lever (30) included in the lock releasing mechanism can be alternately engaged with a roller (38) included in a link mechanism (29) coupled to the shutter lever (28). In order to maintain the lock released state by the lock  
15 releasing mechanism, a shutter linked lever which is moved in relation to the shutter lever (28) has its position regulated by a slider (19) which slides in response to the insertion of the card (12). A controlling portion including a CPU is provided, which prohibits  
20 operation of the locking mechanism when insertion of a magnetic card is detected by a magnetic head (26). The magnetic head (26) is supported by a frame having a projection on one end, which can swing with a contact point between the projection and a support base  
25 being a support point of swinging.

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