**CLAIMS**

~~[Claim 1]~~

1. ~~A platen opening mechanism in a portable labeling machine,~~A portable labeling machine having a platen opening mechanism and further comprising:

a side plate (31) having a bottom cover (23) disposed in a pivotally openable manner;

a retaining portion (32) retaining a strip form label wound into a roll at the side plate (31); and

a platen (18) enabling the label (3) drawn out as a strip form from the retaining portion (32) to be transferred onto a top surface thereof;

the label (3) being attachable to a member to be attached with,

the platen (18) being pivotable to a closed position and an open position relative to the side plate (31) to allow the label (3) to be loaded into the portable labeling machine (30), wherein

the platen (18) is put in an open state relative to the side plate (31) in accompaniment with an operation of opening the bottom cover (23) from the side plate (31), and

the bottom cover (23) is formed with a platen-opening engagement/disengagement portion (37) that is engageable with and disengageable from a flange portion (36) protrudingly formed on the platen (18).

~~[Claim 2]~~

2. ~~A~~ The ~~platen opening mechanism in a~~ portable labeling machine (30) of claim 1, further comprising:

~~a side plate having a bottom cover disposed in a pivotally openable manner;~~

~~a retaining portion retaining a strip form label wound into a roll at the side plate; and~~

a printing portion (7) including a print unit (17) printing the label (3) drawn out as a strip form from the retaining portion (32),

~~a~~ wherein the platen (18) ~~confronting~~ confronts the print unit (17) for enabling the label (3) to be transferred onto ~~a~~ the top surface thereof~~;~~.

~~the label printed by the printing portion being attachable to a member to be attached with,~~

~~the platen being pivotable to a closed position and an open position relative to the side plate to allow the label to be loaded into the portable labeling machine, wherein~~

~~the platen is put in an open state relative to the side plate in accompaniment with an operation of opening the bottom cover from the side plate.~~

~~[Claim 3]~~

~~The platen opening mechanism in a portable labelling machine of claim 1 or 2, wherein~~

~~the bottom cover is formed with a platen-opening engagement/disengagement portion that is engageable with and disengageable from a flange portion protrudingly formed on the platen.~~

~~[Claim 4]~~

3. The ~~platen opening mechanism in a~~ portable labeling machine (30) of claim ~~3~~1 or 2, wherein

the flange portion (36) has on its top surface portion a top-surface engagement/disengagement surface (36A), wherein

the platen-opening engagement/disengagement portion (37) has on its inward portion an undersurface engagement/disengagement surface (37A), and wherein

the undersurface engagement/disengagement surface (37A) comes into sliding contact with the top surface engagement/disengagement surface (36A) of the flange portion (36) in accompaniment with an operation of opening the bottom cover (23) from the side plate (31), and opening the platen (18).

~~[Claim 5]~~

4. The ~~platen opening mechanism in a~~ portable labeling machine (30) of claim ~~3~~1 or 2, wherein

the flange portion (36) has a flange taper surface (36B) whose extremity is tapered wherein

the platen-opening engagement/disengagement portion (37) has an engagement/disengagement taper surface (37B) whose extremity is tapered, and wherein

the engagement/disengagement taper surface (37B) is engageable with and disengageable from the flange taper surface (36B) in accompaniment with an operation of opening the bottom cover (23) from the side plate (31).

~~[Claim 6]~~

5. The ~~platen-opening mechanism in a~~ portable labeling machine (30) of claim ~~3~~1 or 2, wherein

the platen-opening engagement/disengagement portion (37) disengages from the flange portion (36) in a state where the platen (18) is opened from the side plate (31).

~~[Claim 7]~~

6. The ~~platen-opening mechanism in a~~ portable labeling machine (30) of claim ~~3~~1 or 2, wherein

the open position of the platen (18) is adjustable by selecting a length of the flange portion (36) in the platen (18).

~~[Claim 8]~~

7. The ~~platen-opening mechanism in a~~ portable labeling machine (30) of claim ~~3~~1 or 2, wherein

the open position of the platen (18) is adjustable by selecting relative positions of the flange portion (36) and the platen-opening engagement/disengagement portion (37) of the bottom cover (23).

~~[Claim 9]~~

8. The ~~platen-opening mechanism in a~~ portable labeling machine (30) of any one of claims 1 to ~~8~~7, wherein

the platen (18) is openable and closable between a first stopper (38) and a second stopper (39) that are formed on the side plate (31).

~~[Claim 10]~~

9. The ~~platen-opening mechanism in a~~ portable labeling machine of any one of claims 1 to ~~9~~8, wherein

the platen (18) is pivotable along a guide groove (41) formed in the side plate (31).

~~[Claim 11]~~

10. The ~~platen-opening mechanism in a~~ portable labeling machine (30) of any one of claims 1 to ~~10~~9, wherein

the platen (18) is openable and closable among the closed position in the side plate (31), a first open position as a result of an operation of opening the bottom cover

(23), and a second open position arrived at by an operation of further opening the platen (18) itself from the first open position.

~~[Claim 12]~~

11. The ~~platen opening mechanism in a~~ portable labeling machine (30) of any one of claims 1 to ~~11~~10, wherein

the platen (18) and the bottom cover (23) are opened and closed in opposite directions to each other.