CLAIMS

The invention claimed is:

1. A cartridge comprising:

a frame;

a rotatable carrying member for carrying developer;

a rotatable member rotatably supported by the frame;

a coupling member rotatable about a rotational axis thereof and movable between a first position in which the rotational axis of the coupling member is coaxial with the axis of the rotatable member and a second position in which the rotational axis of the coupling member is inclined relative to the rotational axis of the rotatable member; and

an urging member urging the coupling member toward the second position;

wherein the frame includes a retracted portion for permitting the inclination of the coupling member in a direction urged by the urging member at an inclination angle larger than an inclination angle of the coupling member in a direction other than the urged direction.

2. A cartridge according to claim 1, wherein the frame includes a hole portion for exposing a free end portion of the coupling member to outside of the frame, and

wherein the retracted portion includes a recess portion extending from the hole portion in the urged direction.

3. A cartridge according to claim 2, wherein the recess portion is a groove portion.

4. A cartridge according to claim 2, wherein an end of the recess portion with respect to the urged direction is opened.

5. A cartridge according to claim 2, wherein the coupling member enters the recess portion by inclining.

6. A cartridge according to claim 2, wherein a width, as measured in a direction perpendicular to a rotational axis of the rotatable member, of the recess portion is larger than a diameter of the free end portion of the coupling member.

7. A cartridge according to claim 2, wherein the frame further includes a projection projecting outwardly of the cartridge beyond the recess portion.

8. A cartridge according to claim 1, wherein the coupling member is provided with a through-hole and a shaft portion penetrating the through-hole to receive the rotational force, and

wherein opposite end portions the shaft portion are supported by the rotatable member.

9. A cartridge according to claim 1, wherein a free end portion of the coupling member is provided with two projections disposed at substantially symmetrical positions with respect to the rotational axis of the coupling member.

10. A cartridge according to claim 1, wherein an inclinable angle of the coupling member is changed in accordance with a rotational angle of the coupling member about the rotational axis.

11. A cartridge according to claim 1, wherein the coupling member is inclinable toward the retracted portion by not less than approximately 20 degrees.

12. A cartridge according to claim 1, wherein the rotatable carrying member is a photosensitive member.

13. A cartridge according to claim 12, wherein the rotatable member is a flange fixed to the photosensitive member.

14. A cartridge according to claim 1, wherein the rotatable carrying member is a developing roller configured to develop a latent image.

15. A cartridge according to claim 14, wherein the rotatable member is a gear.