

BRÖACH, БРОСНА, in *Middle Age Writers*, denotes an awl or bodkin. Among us broach is chiefly used for a steel instrument serving to open holes in metals. It is sometimes also applied to a stick on which thread or yarn is wound; and, in the North, to a sort of wooden needles used in knitting certain coarse things.

See an account of the broach used in weaving tapestry, under TAPESTRY.