

## D for Duraglit

Some smells are so evocative that you are immediately transported back in time. You can imagine the scene so well that you practically re-live it in your mind's eye. So it is with Duraglit and me! Wiki tells me it is "*a registered trademark for abrasive polishing pads. Duraglit is a thick cotton wadding pad embedded with micro-fine aluminum oxide abrasives. It is moistened with mineral spirits. Duraglit Wadding Polish, Metals - for brass, copper, chrome and other metals.*"

In our house we seemed to have an awful lot of brass....and it had to be cleaned....regularly. So every Thursday morning the table would be covered with old newspaper and every brass ornament: the brass money boxes off the mantelpiece, the brass plate that hung on the wall, the brass Welsh Lady off the dresser and the companion set of brush, shovel, tongs and poker, all of which had brass handles, were laid out in readiness on the newspaper, awaiting their weekly clean with Duraglit. The round orange tin, with its broad gold stripe on which the word Duraglit was written in bold black type, would be brought out of the pantry and a thick yellow pad of wadding impregnated with something that smelled divine would be employed to wipe each brass piece thoroughly. Then I had to use a duster to rub each piece until it shone. Both the duster and my fingers ended up coloured black.

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