

Act 5. ALLS WELL that ENDS WELL. Scene last



J. Roberts ad Vivam del

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Grignion sc.

MISS MACKLIN in the Character of HELENA
— 'Tis but the shadow of a Wife you see,

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This image of Helena as the pilgrim (note the decorative use of shells in her costume) is also a portrait of a specific actress, Maria Macklin (1733-1781). The scene is Helena's final confrontation of Bertram: "'Tis but the shadow of a wife you see, The name and not the thing" (5.3.350-351). The artist claims to have drawn the actress from life ("ad Vivam del").

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